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Chriss Lyon plays with her four dogs, Zsa Zsa, Pepper, Charlie and Pickles this week at her St. Joseph home.

House broken

With a return to work, pet owners face separation anxiety

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

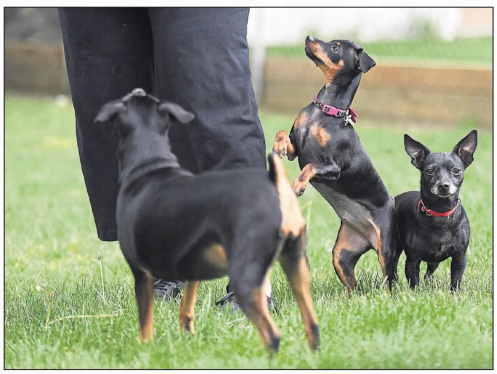
ST. JOSEPH — Chriss Lyon had retired from her full-time job working for Berrien County and was focusing on her work as a published author when she brought home Pepper, a new puppy; and adopted Zsa Zsa, an 8-year-old rescue dog.

Zsa Zsa and Pepper joined Lyon's brood of dogs that includes 5-year-old Charlie and 2-year-old Pickles, the sister to Pepper from a previous litter.

Working from her St. Joseph home on her writing career during the COVID-19 pandemic presented its own challenges, with her furry friends sometimes appearing live in a video-conference call, or barking incessantly during a radio interview. She completed one phone interview in her car.

"During an interview for an upcoming podcast, I had to drive to a local park and conduct the production in my car," Lyon said.

Now she has returned to work at an in-person job, which presents a new set of challenges, not only for Lyon but for millions of Americans who are returning to work as COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted.



From left, Pickles, Pepper and Zsa Zsa, wait for snacks from Chriss Lyon this week at her St. Joseph home.

Although her dogs are trained to do their business outside, "I have come home to find a surprise pile, or something chewed up," Lyon said. "My losses to date include several comforters, a pillow, throw rugs and a CPAP mask."

As she works to re-acclimate her brood to life with a working "mom," she's not alone.

As offices are allowed to reopen and many pet owners return to work, animal experts say separation anxiety could be a real concern – especially with pets that were adopted during the pandemic and have never been home alone for any length of time.

And animal shelters, many of which saw a huge uptick in adoptions during the pandemic, now wonder if pets will be surrendered back to shelters.

According to petmate.com, pet adoptions rose to an all-time high during the pandemic.

Robyn Fedor, president of Paws of Hope, said adoption numbers soared throughout the pandemic.

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Benton Harbor lifts boil water advisory

Free water filters, cartridges available at health department

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor residents are no longer advised to boil their drinking water, but need to continue filtering it to remove possible lead, city officials said Friday.

On Tuesday, residents were asked to boil their drinking water due to a critical chemical not being added to the water for about an hour at the Benton Harbor Water Filtration Plant.

"Since that time, extensive flushing and sampling has occurred to clean out the system of possible contamination," a release statement read.

As of 10 a.m. Friday, water samples show the water does not have bacteria in it, so it no longer needs to be boiled.

But the water still needs to be filtered to remove any possible lead. The city has been under a state Action Level Exceedance for lead in drinking water since the fall of 2018.

Now that the boil water advisory has been lifted, it is recommended that residents using water filters get free replacement cartridges from the Berrien County Health Department.

Residents can obtain a free water filter or replacement cartridge by:

- Visiting the health department between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 2149 E. Napier Ave.
- Calling the health department's Water Response Hotline at 800-815-5485
- Visiting the Center for Better Health at 100 W. Main St.
- For hours, visit shlcenterforbetterhealth.org or call 408-2258.

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New Bronson South Haven Hospital opens Tuesday

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — A year and eight months after construction began, the $22 million Bronson South Haven Hospital is set to open its doors next week to the public.

The hospital, which broke ground in October 2019, will open Tuesday.

"All hospital-based services will switch from the old hospital to the new hospital on that date," said Jay Newmarch, a communications specialist for Bronson Healthcare Group. "Everyone is busy dotting all the 'I's' and crossing all the 'T's' in preparation for Tuesday."

Hospital staff and other workers have been busy for the past several months, moving equipment and supplies from the current hospital to the new one, fronting Blue Star Highway, between 6th and 8th avenues.

The two-story, 52,000-square-foot facility is about two-thirds the size of the current hospital and features nine in-patient beds and 14 emergency department beds. The new hospital will continue to offer the same services the hospital currently offers for acute, emergency, primary and specialty care, with the exception of the wound care unit – which will be housed in a new building, currently under construction to the north of the new hospital.

The hospital will also be home to Bronson South Haven Internal Medicine, Bronson South Haven Family Medicine, Bronson South Haven Pediatrics and Bronson Obstetrics, Gynecology & Midwifery Specialists.

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Photo by Becky Kark

The new $22 million Bronson South Haven Hospital will open its doors to the public on Tuesday. Construction first began on the 52,000-square-foot facility in October 2019. Hospital officials had hoped to open the new hospital several months ago but unexpected delays in shipments of building materials, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, pushed back the opening date.

Police seeking suspects who led chase

Both suspected of planning armed robbery at hotel

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

RACH

ROBERTSON

DOWAGIAC — Area police are asking for the public's help in finding a man and woman who got away after leading police on a chase through part of St. Joseph County, Ind., and into Berrien County.

Pokagon Band Tribal Police issued a statement from their headquarters in Dowagiac late Friday.

Police said Rodney K. Robertson Jr., 35, and Healther L. Rach, 36, are wanted on felony warrants and are suspected of planning an armed robbery at a hotel in Indiana.

Police said the two were spotted traveling north on the U.S 20/31 bypass in western St. Joseph County in a blue Ford Focus with Indiana license plate 955DGR.

The two fled from police and a chase continued into Berrien County, with Pokagon Band Tribal Police, Michigan State Police and the Berrien County Sheriff's Department taking over.

The chase ended when it reached the congested area of Lincoln and St. Joseph townships, and the suspects got away, police said.

Police said the two were last known to live in South Bend, but also have been known to frequent hotels in Mishawaka.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Robertson and Rach is asked to contact Michiana Crime Stoppers at 574-288-STOP or at www.michianacrimestoppers.com.

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AP-NORC POLL

Police violence remains high concern in U.S.

By KAT STAFFORD and HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

A year after George Floyd's murder at the hands of a white police officer sparked global protests and a racial reckoning, a majority of Americans say racism and police violence are serious problems facing the nation. Yet relatively few believe attention in the past year to the issues has led to positive change.

A poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows Americans are more likely than they were before Floyd's death to say that police violence is a serious problem and about half think police who cause harm on the job are treated too leniently by the justice system. The poll also found that about 6 in 10 Americans say racism in the United States is a very or extremely serious problem; it's similar to the percentage that said the same thing one year ago.

But about half of Americans, including about 6 in 10 Black Americans, say Derek Chauvin conviction of Floyd's murder has not changed their level of confidence in the criminal justice system. About one-third say their confidence increased. Chauvin, a former Minneapolis police officer, was convicted in April on state charges of murder and manslaughter in Floyd's death. A federal grand jury indicted Chauvin and three other former Minneapolis police officers involved in Floyd's arrest and death after the poll was conducted.

"Racism is a core feature of American life and it dominates certain relationships between African Americans and white Americans in ways that I don't see how they're going to change in the near or distant future," said Kyle T. Mays, assistant professor in African American Studies and American Indian Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.

AP-NORC polling showed a shift in views of police violence and injustice toward Black Americans last June, just weeks after Floyd's killing. In 2019, just 36 percent of Americans called police violence an extremely or very serious problem. After Floyd was killed, that number increased to 48 percent, and 45 percent say so now. About 6 in 10 say police are more likely to use deadly force against a Black person than against a white person.

At 77 percent, the overwhelming majority of Black Americans say police violence is a very serious problem, compared with 36 percent of white Americans. Among white Americans, the percentage saying police violence is not a serious problem increased from 26 percent last June to 36 percent now; that's roughly the same percentage who said so in 2019, before Floyd's killing.

LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QH-AS-4C-7C-4H
Midday Daily 3
1-6-9
Midday Daily 4
7-2-7-1
Daily 3
5-3-5
Daily 4
9-8-6-1
Fantasy 5
01-04-18-28-32
Keno
04-08-09-11-15-16-25-26-29-31-32-34-37-38-46-47-51-61-71-73-74-75
Mega Millions jackpot
$515 million
Powerball jackpot
$218 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
03-08-12-15-41
Cash4Life
01-21-23-50-55, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
08-09-21-25-28-29-30-34-35-40-46-48-57-58-60-62-66-68-78-80, BE: 21
Daily Three-Midday
3-4-7, SB: 0
Daily Three-Evening
4-0-1, SB: 3
Daily Four-Midday
8-8-8-2, SB: 0
Daily Four-Evening
6-3-4-4, SB: 3
Quick Draw Evening
03-06-11-13-15-18-23-35-36-38-42-43-49-51-64-71-74-75-76-77, BE: 77

Illinois
Lotto
06-11-22-25-34-36, Extra Shot: 14
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
10-15-29-36-38
Pick Three-Midday
9-1-4, Fireball: 0
Pick Three-Evening
0-8-4, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Midday
9-2-9-1, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Evening
9-2-9-5, Fireball: 5
Lucky Day Lotto
18-24-30-31-35

– The Associated Press

Adel Hana / AP

Palestinians dance as they wave green Hamas and their national flags while celebrating the cease-fire agreement between Israel and Hamas in Gaza City, early Friday.

Palestinians see victory in Gaza truce as Israel warns Hamas

By FARES AKRAM and JOSEPH KRAUSS
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinians rallied by the thousands Friday after a cease-fire took effect in the latest Gaza war, with many viewing it as a costly but clear victory for the Islamic militant group Hamas. Israel vowed to respond with a "new level of force" to further hostilities.

The 11-day war left more than 250 dead – the vast majority Palestinians – and brought widespread devastation to the already impoverished Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. But the rocket barrages that brought life to a standstill in much of Israel were seen by many Palestinians as a bold response to perceived Israeli abuses in Jerusalem, the emotional heart of the conflict.

Like the three previous wars, the latest round of fighting ended inconclusively.

Israel claimed it inflicted heavy damage on Hamas but once again was unable to halt the rockets. Even as it claims victory, Hamas faces the daunting challenge of rebuilding in a territory already suffering from high unemployment and a coronavirus outbreak, and from years of blockade by Egypt and Israel.

The conflict brought to the surface deep frustration among Palestinians, whether in the occupied West Bank, Gaza or within Israel, over the status quo, with the Israeli-Palestinian peace process all but abandoned for years.

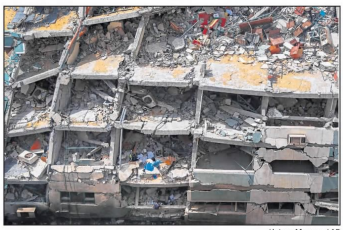
The continued volatility was on display when clashes broke out between Palestinian protesters and Israeli police following Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, a flashpoint holy site in Jerusalem sacred to Jews and Muslims. Clashes there earlier this month were one of the main triggers for the war.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fended off criticism from his hawkish base who said he ended the offensive prematurely without a more decisive blow to Hamas.

Israel had done "daring and new things, and this without being dragged into unnecessary adventures," he said. Its forces caused "maximum damage to Hamas with a minimum of casualties in Israel," he added.

Netanyahu warned against further attacks, saying, "If Hamas thinks we will tolerate a drizzle of rockets, it is wrong." He vowed to respond with "a new level of force" against aggression anywhere in Israel.

He said Israeli strikes killed more than 200 militants, including 25 senior commanders, and hit more than 60 miles of militant tunnels. Hamas and the Islamic Jihad militant group have only acknowledged 20 fighters killed.



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Palestinians inspect the destroyed building housing the offices of The Associated Press and other media, after it was hit last week by Israeli airstrike, in Gaza City on Friday.

Michigan tax revenues are $3.5B higher than past estimate

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan's main funds will take in an estimated $3.5 billion more in taxes than previously forecast thanks to increased consumer spending of federal stimulus checks and other coronavirus relief funds, state officials said Friday.

The big surplus, spread over this fiscal year and next, will give Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Republican-controlled Legislature additional budget flexibility at a time $6.5 billion more in discretionary federal COVID-19 aid also is coming to the state – half now and the rest in a year.

Economists settled on revised revenue estimates for the school aid and general funds that are higher than what was forecast in January: $2 billion more this budget year and $1.5 billion more next fiscal year.

"If people have more money to spend, what are they going to do? They're going to spend it," said Jim Stansell, associate director and senior economist with the nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency.

Experts in January predicted a 2 percent drop in school and general revenues for the current budget. They now project a 6.2 percent increase, a $2 billion difference. Baseline revenue growth, 9.7 percent, is the highest seen in at least 20 years.

The Democratic governor and lawmakers will use the new numbers as they negotiate the 2021-22 budget that will begin in October and could be resolved next month before the summer legislative recess. The extra state revenue, along with the influx of massive amounts of federal coronavirus funding, prompted calls for major shifts in state spending.

A group of superintendents said the school fund should be solely dedicated to K-12 again and not also be used for higher education, as has happened in the past decade. Universities called for additional state operations funding, which is 11 percent lower than 20 years ago without factoring in inflation.

"This gives us real resources to solve the real problems that exist in our state," budget director Dave Massaron said. Whitmer said the "numbers are a sign of brighter days ahead."

Republicans welcomed the news but also urged caution.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Thomas Albert, of Lowell, said the budget and economy are "artificially propped up" by federal COVID-19 relief and noted job levels remain below pre-pandemic numbers.

"I'm deeply concerned that the same federal policies causing short-term revenue gain could lead to inflation and other monetary pressures that might hurt our economy in the near future," he said.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Jim Stamas, of Midland, said the "once-in-a-lifetime" funding should go toward "purposeful and lasting" projects.

Infrastructure is one area around which there could be bipartisan consensus. Lawmakers this week said they want to spend at least $500 million and potentially billions of dollars to fix dams in the wake of a 2020 disaster in the Midland area.

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DRUE FROESCHKE

Norbert and Tammy Froeschke, formerly of St. Joseph, announce with great pride the graduation of their daughter, Drue Froeschke, from the University of Michigan. Drue graduated from Clarkston High School in 2017, and has completed four years at UM, graduating with honors (and a James B. Angell Scholar) with a Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics with minors in both German and Business. She was active in Big Ticket Productions and the University Activities Center, where she provided large-scale programming for students on campus. Drue has accepted a position at Apple and plans to move to San Francisco later this summer.

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COVID-19 vaccinations inch up, new cases fall

Nearly 42 percent of Berrien County fully vaccinated

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COVID-19 vaccination efforts increased this week in Berrien County, while the number of new cases continued to fall.

Vaccine providers in the county administered 5,889 doses since last Thursday, with about 3,328 of those being second doses, according to state data. They had administered about 3,977 doses last week and 4,415 doses the week before.

In total, as of Thursday, vaccine providers in Berrien County have administered 113,779 doses, with 50,840 of those being second doses.

That equates to about 47.9 percent of Berrien County residents (12 and up) that have received at least their first dose of vaccine, and 41.7 percent that are fully vaccinated.

Last week, the county was at about 46 percent with one dose and 39 percent fully vaccinated.

Berrien data update

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Berrien County continue to fall.

The county recorded 126 new COVID-19 cases this week, down from 144 cases last week and 270 cases the week before. The county also recorded about 61 new presumed COVID-19 cases this week.

During the same time, the county recorded 336 recoveries.

This week the county recorded five COVID-19 deaths. Last week the county had recorded six.

With deaths and recoveries, Berrien County is at about 852 active COVID-19 cases. The county was at about 1,067 active cases last Friday and 1,341 active cases the Friday before.

In total, since the start of the pandemic, Berrien County has recorded 13,752 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 1,614 presumed COVID-19 cases, 261 confirmed deaths, 19 presumed deaths and 12,639 recoveries.

COVID hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lakeland averaged about 19 patients a day this week. That's down from an average of 23 a day last week and 31 a day the week before.

Van Buren, Cass

New COVID-19 cases fell sharply in Van Buren County and declined steadily in Cass County this week.

Van Buren County recorded 48 new COVID-19 cases and one death this week. That's down from the 111 cases recorded the last two weeks.

Cass County recorded 40 new COVID-19 cases and one death this week. The previous week the county recorded about 59 new cases, and the week before, about 51 new cases.

In total, Van Buren County has recorded 6,559 COVID-19 cases and 111 deaths. Cass County has recorded 4,737 cases and 71 deaths.

About 50.3 percent of Van Buren County residents (12 and up) have received at least their first dose of vaccine, and about 42.4 percent are fully vaccinated. Last Thursday the county was at about 47.5 percent with at least one dose and 39.8 percent fully vaccinated.

About 33.8 percent of Cass County residents have at least their first dose of vaccine, and about 28.9 percent are fully vaccinated. Last Thursday, the county was at about 32.2 percent with at least one dose and 27.3 percent fully vaccinated.

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Chikaming Twp. switching to new radios

County sets 800 megahertz deadline for end of 2022

By LOUISE WREGE
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ST. JOSEPH — Switching 50 police, fire and emergency services agencies from Berrien County's VHF public safety radio system to 800 megahertz is no small task and has been in the works for almost two decades.

County Administrator Brian Dissette told county commissioners Thursday that Chikaming Township is the first one to take advantage of low-interest loans offered by the county to help its fire department buy 800 megahertz radios.

"In addition to providing technical assistance, going out for state and federal grants and then even going to local community foundations to try to help with local grants, we have also now offered up financing for any of the townships that are struggling with the conversion to 800 MHz radios," he said.

He asked the county commissioners talk with officials in their townships about what they need to complete the switch.

"If you're hearing from your fire officials that they're struggling with this, let us know," Dissette said. "Today's installment purchase agreement is something that we can easily reproduce and provide that assistance to other fire departments."

According to the agreement, Chikaming Township is borrowing $9,707 from the county at an interest rate of 1.85 percent to buy 800 MHz radios, to be repaid in 84 equal monthly installments starting Aug. 1.

The county plans to dismantle the aging VHF system by Dec. 31, 2022.

After the meeting, Berrien County 911 Director Caitlin Sampsell said all of the police departments, except for Niles, switched to the 800 MHz system years ago. She said Niles decided to stay with VHF.

Initially, she said the fire departments were receiving grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help pay for the switch. But over the past few years, their grant applications have been unsuccessful.

She said emergency personnel need pagers and radios that will operate on the Michigan Public Safety Communication System, which is 800 MHz.

In 2019, the county started offering 50/50 grants to help the fire departments and ambulance services buy 800 MHz pagers. Sampsell said the only agencies that haven't bought 800 MHz pagers are the Sodus Township Fire Department, Pride Care Ambulance and SMCAS Ambulance.

Now, she said the county is offering low-interest loans to help the agencies buy 800 MHz mobile radios, which are used in the trucks.

That leaves the departments needing to buy portable 800 MHz radios that the firefighters carry with them. Sampsell said the Berrien County Fire Chiefs Association is seeking another FEMA grant to pay for the portable radios. The association will hear later this year if the application is successful.

Sampsell said a recent survey done by the association showed that most fire departments still need at least some 800 MHz radios.

She said some municipalities, like Benton Township, have bought used 800 MHz radios for their firefighters to cut down on the cost.

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Weapons/assault

Damon L. Parker Jr., 33, of Hurd Avenue, Benton Harbor, 1-5 years in prison, credit for 5 days served, and $198 in costs for possession of a firearm by a felon; and a concurrent term of 1-2 years for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Harbor Public Safety Officer Chad Williams May 25, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

Jacques J. Erwin, 56, of Waukonda Avenue, Benton Harbor, 23 months to 5 years in prison and forfeiture of a revolver for possession of a firearm by a felon March 19 in Benton Township.

Deonte C, Taylor, 27, of Battle Creek, 23 months to 4 years in prison, credit for 50 days served, and $198 in costs for assault with a dangerous weapon; a concurrent term of 2-5 years and $68 in costs for possession of a firearm by a felon; and a consecutive term of 2 years and $68 in costs for weapons felony firearms Feb. 6 in Benton Harbor.

Michael Wayne-Allen Zimmerman, 32, of Hartman Road, Eau Claire, 2-5 years in prison and $198 in costs for domestic violence third offense, an assault on a woman, March 7 in Berrien Township.

Niles

Fleeing police

Travis E. Hatchel, 35, of LaPorte, Ind., 14 months to 2 years in prison, credit for 59 days served, and $198 in costs for fourth-degree fleeing police March 11 in Niles Township.

BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

Photos by Tony Wittkowski / HP staff

Eric Brantley, who is among the vendors taking part in this weekend's fair food drive-thru, wraps a burrito for a customer waiting in their car Friday at the fairgrounds in Berrien Springs.

A fair taste

Vendors, patrons pack the BCYF fair food drive-thru

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Local News Editor

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Eric Brantley didn't go to any fairs last year.

As a vendor, the pandemic proved to be too much for Brantley. However, he brought his Mexican food dishes to the fairgrounds in Berrien Springs on Friday for the first day of the Berrien County Youth Fair's food drive-thru.

"We normally come here every year for the fair, but we didn't come for the previous drive-thrus," Brantley said. "It was rough. But we're ready to work."

Brantley focuses on taco salads in a bucket, giant burritos and fajitas.

About 10 vendors were stationed along the interior path of the fairgrounds as a line of cars wound their way to various food stops. Patrons remained in their vehicles to order and accept food.

The event is aimed to help some of the concession vendors as well as the fair. Last year, the fair and its vendors canceled revenue-generating events needed to sustain year-round operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"For many vendors, this is their livelihood. This gives them a chance to sell some food," said Fair Manager Karen Klug. "People were asking about it, so we picked our dates in January."

Patrons entered Gate 3 off of Shawnee Road and followed the barriers to the drive-thru area. The cash-only event continues from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Klug said there are June and July dates chosen for similar drive-thrus. However, she said they're not sure if they'll do them now that pandemic-related restrictions are being lifted.

Eric Brantley preps food with his sister Friday during the first day of a fair food drive-thru at the at the fairgrounds in Berrien Springs.

Brian Myers stretches taffy Friday as his staff takes orders during the fair food drive-thru at the fairgrounds in Berrien Springs.

In the three drive-thru events held last year, Klug said they pulled in anywhere between 1,500 and 2,000 vehicles.

Janet Shafer of Berrien Springs waited in line Friday for a chance at getting a steak dinner on the fairgrounds. She and her husband are regulars at the fair and made it a point to come to every fair food drive-thru last year.

"Every day," Shafer, 83, said when asked how often she intends to come to the drive-thru event this weekend. "It's great to know some of the money will go to the fair."

Brian Myers, who operates a taffy trailer, said they struggled with little to no fair activity in 2020.

His trailer has been coming to Berrien's fair for the last 25 years. For the fair circuit, Myers normally travels throughout Michigan, Indiana and Florida.

"The biggest concern was how am I going to pay my bills or support my family?" Myers said in reference to last year. "But the fair food drive-thrus allowed us to make some money last year."

Following last year's cancellation, the Berrien County Youth Fair is tentatively set to return this year Aug. 16-21.

In January, the fair's board of directors announced when the 75th annual county fair would be held, assuming the pandemic doesn't derail plans.

"We have been planning to move forward," Klug said. "We haven't totally finalized how we will place the food booths or commercial exhibitors in the buildings. I don't think the social distancing issue will ever go away, so we want to comply with everything."

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OBITUARIES

Aubrey Arndt

June 4, 1940 – April 21, 2021

Aubrey Eric Arndt, 80, of Perrysburg, Ohio, passed away on April 21, 2021, in Flower Hospital, Sylvania, Ohio.

He was born June 4, 1940, to Henry and Erna (Hoffman) Arndt, in Benton Harbor. Following graduation from high school, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in 1966.

On April 23, 1966, he married Joanne C. Rinehart in Kalamazoo, Mich. Aubrey and Joanne raised three children and celebrated nearly 53 years of marriage before Joanne's passing in 2019.

For 40-plus years, Aubrey worked for numerous companies throughout the country as a certified public accountant, director of internal audit, and chief financial officer before he retired. He was a man of faith and a member of St. Rose Catholic Church, where his numerous ministries included choir, Holy Name Society, and the Knights of Columbus. In addition, he was a member of Buglers Across America and the Perrysburg Chapter of the American Legion. He enjoyed golfing, making custom golf clubs, woodworking, carving and stained glass artwork.

Aubrey is survived by his children: Matt (Tina) Arndt of Sylvania, Ohio, and Karyn (Ron) Juncker of North Carolina; grandchildren: Katrina Arndt, Erika Arndt, Emily Juncker, and Molly Juncker; sisters: Avila Hulsey, Arlene Schrade; and brother, Alan (Irene) Arndt. He also leaves behind his golden retriever and K-9 pal, Chloë.

In addition to his wife, Joanne, he was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Arnold Arndt.

Family and friends were received for a memorial gathering from, 11 a.m. to noon, with a funeral mass beginning at noon, Friday, May 14, at St. Rose Catholic Church, 215 E. Front St., Perrysburg, Ohio. The celebrant was Fr. Nicholas Weibl, assisted by Deacon Thomas Wray. Committal was in St. Rose Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials take the form of contributions to the Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Those wishing to express a word of encouragement may do so at: www.marshfuneral homes.com.

B. Gail Hall

Feb. 4, 1940 – May 20, 2021

B. Gail Hall, 81, of St. Joseph, passed away on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 24, at Fairplain Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, with the Rev. David Schell officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Gail's family request to please wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Area 9 Special Olympics, 500 N. Sophia St., Bay City, MI 48706. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Gail was born on Feb. 4, 1940, to Robert and Birja (Brinker) Baker in Kalamazoo, Mich. She graduated from State High School and then continued her education at Western Michigan University, where she met the love of her life, John Hall. They were married on Oct. 3, 1965, in Kalamazoo.

Gail enjoyed golfing with friends, playing card games, especially bridge; bowling, gardening, sewing, and bird watching. She had a passion for cheering on the Detroit Tigers and the Detroit Lions. Most of all, she loved to spend her time with her family.

Gail is survived by her husband, John "Mike" Hall; children: J. Michael Hall of St. Joseph, and Michelle (Mark) Kloha of Bay City, Mich.; grandchildren: Emma and Riley Kloha; sisters: Patricia "Patti" Wooden of Oshtemo, Mich., and Roberta Miles of Otsego, Mich.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers-in-law: Jack Wooden and Robert Miles.

Rodney A. Sartin II

March 5, 1988 – May 17, 2021

Rodney Austin Sartin, II, 33, of St. Joseph passed away Monday May 17, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, at First Church of God-Benton Heights Campus, 990 N. Euclid Ave., Benton Harbor, with the Rev. Jaime Cervantes and the Rev. Michael Roth officiating. Private burial will follow at Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor. Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Memorial donations in Rodney's name may be made to Carol's Hope, 4032 South M-139, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Those wishing to sign Rodney's Memory Book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Rodney was born March 5, 1988 in Berrien Center to Rodney A. and Angela (Stine) Sartin. He graduated from Lakeshore High School, Class of 2006 and attended Lake Michigan College. Rodney was employed as a tool and die maker at K-O Products in Benton Harbor. He attended First Church of God-Benton Heights and Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. He devoted his life to his family by encouraging his children in their sports and attending all of their sporting events.

Family vacations were one of his favorite things along with roller skating at Lakeshore Roller World. In his free time, Rodney enjoyed working on cars, tinkering and fixing things, camping, fishing and he loved listening to music. He was always ready to help those in need. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Rodney is survived by his long-time companion, and mother of his children, Ashley Jensen; his children: Rodney Austin Sartin, III, Allianah Jolei Sartin, Karsen Lee Sartin; his "adopted son," Jordan Brule of Watervliet; his mother, Angela Nelson of Berrien Springs; grandparents: Bonnie and Donald Godfrey of Stevensville, and Russ and Sally Stine of Bridgman; siblings: Becky Ross of Decatur, Janice (Abel) Fonseca of Granger, Ind., Jackie Nelson of Dowagiac, Jessica (Alex) Milius of St. Joseph, Nathan (Ari) Nelson of Muskegon, Mich.; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; special friends: Bruce Wykle of Berrien Springs, Keith "Red" LaFond of Benton Harbor and Kim Brown of Stevensville; lifelong friends from school: Kerry Babcock of Ferndale, Md., and Alex Stuard of Detroit; and his canine companions: Balto and Sweetie.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rodney in 1995; his stepfather, Robert "Bob" Nelson in 2014; his grandmother, Mary Weatherly in 1999; and his great-grandmother, Betty "Mazee" Tabbert in 2012.

Ronald Kintup

Oct. 24, 1933 – May 17, 2021

Ronald L. Kintup, 87, of St. Joseph passed away on Monday, May 17, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 27, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Friends may visit with the family on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Caring Circle of Lakeland, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph or Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS, 66675-8516.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Ron was born on Oct. 24, 1933, to William and Genevive (LaVanway) Kintup in Benton Harbor.

He graduated from Benton Harbor High School before entering in the U.S. Army. After he was honorably discharged, Ron married the love of his life, Jesslyn Marks, on Aug. 15, 1964, in Coloma.

Ron worked as a truck driver for over 38 years before retirement. He then enjoyed traveling with his wife across the United States and Europe. Ron was a knowledgeable man who enjoyed talking with people.

Ron is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jesslyn Kintup; children: Ron (Karen) Kintup of St. Joseph, Julie Ann (Rick Sadler) Bryant of Marshall, Mich., and Jeffrey Kintup of North Carolina; grandchildren: Taylor (Josh) Leach, Travis (Hannah) Williams; and two great-grandchildren; sister, Sylvia Arndt of Eau Claire and Barbara (Art) Scherer of Watervliet; and sister, and brother-in-law: Patricia (Kaye) Knight of St. Joseph; and many nieces and nephews.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, William Kintup.

Barbara McKee

Dec. 6, 1942 – May 13, 2021

Dr. Barbara Lee (Gelesko) McKee, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and professor, left this Earth peacefully to be with her husband, Dr. James W. McKee, on May 13, 2021.

Barbara is cherished by her four children: Deborah (Andrew) San Juan, Scott, Derek (Jamie) and Kristin; and eight grandchildren. She died peacefully at home following a brief battle with cancer, with her family and beloved puppy, Bader, at her side.

For the past 12 years, Barbara was a resident of Rancho Solano in Fairfield, Calif.

She was born Dec. 6, 1942, in Bay City, Mich., and was raised in Covert and St. Joseph. As a child, Barbara was an avid reader, reportedly reading every book in the inventory of the local Covert library; a passion she held throughout her life. She was valedictorian of her high school and earned a full scholarship to study math at Michigan State University, where she earned her bachelors and masters degrees. She later earned a doctorate degree from Syracuse University.

Barbara was a lifelong educator and a faculty member of the Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf, where she was chairperson for the Department of Educational Research and Development, and served as editor of the Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education.

Contrary to social norms and her parents' wishes, Barbara bravely chose love and married James McKee, her husband of 32 years in 1961. Barbara met James on the school bus in grade school and began dating in high school, while working on the school newspaper. At the time, interracial relationships were not common, and the civil rights movement was just gaining momentum.

The happy couple served as an example of a life well-lived, raising their four children in Fairport, N.Y. A tireless advocate for education, Barbara implored her children to value learning and helped send all four children to college. Throughout her life, she was an outspoken leader of women's rights. She was active politically and involved in local causes, serving on the boards of numerous organizations and political campaigns. She enjoyed playing bid whist with her husband, and bridge in her later years.

Despite her many commitments, most important to Barbara were her family and friends. She was the eldest of six children and was particularly close to her sister, Beverly (David), and brother, Richard. Barbara was also very close to her mother-in-law, Lolia; and her husband's seven siblings, and their spouses: including George (Vernetta), Earl (Eula) and Alice (Oscar) Blair. Barbara often returned to Michigan to spend time with her extended family.

Barbara's life was characterized by her devotion to her children and grandchildren, an unrelenting quest for knowledge, and a love story that could conquer all. Although her cancer diagnosis was sudden, Barbara was lovingly cared for by her four children in the last weeks of her life. Always the optimist, Barbara was often heard saying that she had lived a happy and fulfilled life, and cherished each moment.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, James; her father, Nick (Gwen) Gelesko, a World War II United States Navy veteran, who Barbara cared for at her home until his death; her mother, Betty (Richard) Wygant; and her brothers: David, William and Donald.

A memorial service will be held outdoors at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at the Clubhouse of Rancho Solano in Fairfield, Calif. The service will also be live streamed at the following website: www.youtube.com/c/Blacksheep Photographyandvideo.

The family respectfully requests that all attendees aged 16 and older be vaccinated.

Roberta Johnston

Nov. 10, 1946 – May 18, 2021

Roberta Johnston, 74, of St. Joseph, formerly of Greenville, Mich., passed away Tuesday, May 18, 2021, in Stevensville.

A celebration of life service will be planned and announced at a later date this summer. Arrangements are entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Frederick Meijer Gardens, www.meijergarden.org. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Roberta was born Nov. 10, 1946, in Wickliffe, Ohio, to Davis Johnston and Pauline (Cousins) Wazelle. She retired from Isabella Bank in Greenville, after 25-plus years in 2017. Roberta was an avid reader and was a member of the Greenville Book Club. In her free time, she enjoyed nature, being outdoors and tending to her flower gardens.

Roberta is survived by her children: Geoffrey (Stacy) Solanics, and Jennifer Jones; and her granddaughter, Madelyn Ostenson.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Darlene Russell; and her parents.

Death notices

Dixie Dana Comstock, 75, of Indian Lake/Eau Claire, Mich., and Orange County, Calif., died May 18, 2021. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Phil Lomonaco, 92, of Hagar Township died May 20, 2021. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Barbara McKee, 78, of Fairfield, Calif., formerly of Covert, and St. Joseph, died May 13, 2021.

Drew Markos, 79, of Battle Creek, Mich., died May 20, 2021. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Phil Lomonaco

Oct. 17, 1928 – May 20, 2021

Phil was born on Oct. 17, 1928, to Anna (Marsala) and Anthony Lomonaco. Phil lived his whole life in Hagar Township. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1947. From 1954 to 1956, he served in the U.S. Army spending one year in South Korea as a squad leader in the Anti-aircraft Division.

In 1965, he married Barbara Ann Kerlikowske, and they lived for 56 years on Maple Lane. With that union they had one son, David.

Phil worked at Clark Equipment for 30 years. Phil loved, when he was younger, to hunt and fish with his friends, and sometimes just fishing with his wife. He had great memories of the hunting trips to Colorado and fishing trips to Canada. Phil liked to go camping and had some great times. Phil lived on two acres of which most of it was lawn and trees. In his younger years he enjoyed the work, but that slowly faded as he got older. He did for years have a vegetable garden, which was a joy for him.

Phil and his wife traveled very little. He did enjoy the trips with the North Berrien Senior Center and the many new friends he made and enjoyed. Phil enjoyed six days a week having morning coffee with some great guys at Coloma's McDonalds. In his 56 years of marriage, there were four dogs in his life: Molly was a britney spaniel, Mandy, Katie, Chelsea were English springer spaniels. Of all, Chelsea was his favorite, and she lived for just over 16 years.

Preceding Phil in death were his parents; and siblings: Joseph, Paul, Mary and Rose.

Phil leaves behind his wife; and son.

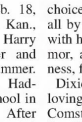
Per Phil's wishes, cremation has taken place and no service will be held.

Memorials may be made to SS. John & Bernard Catholic Parish, 580 Columbus Ave, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, North Berrien Senior Center, 6648 Ryno Road, Coloma, MI 49038, or the Humane Society – Southwestern Michigan Yeager Family Pet Shelter, 5400 S. Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services.

Dixie D. Comstock

Feb. 18, 1946 – May 18, 2021



Dixie Dana Comstock, 75, of Indian Lake/Eau Claire, Mich., and Orange County, Calif., passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

Dixie was born Feb. 18, 1946, in Kansas City, Kan., the eldest child of Harry H. "Judge" Plummer and Virginia (Owen) Plummer. She graduated from Haddon Heights High School in New Jersey in 1964. After high school, she attended Western Michigan University until her independent, adventurous spirit (and intuitive fashion sense) led her to Braniff International Airways, where she became a flight attendant. For years, Dixie traveled the world on Braniff, gracing the skies with her unmatched smile and stunning red hair.

Dixie was commissioned as second lieutenant for her service by the United States Army, having transported countless troops to and from South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Dixie's love of travel continued, working as a travel agent in St. Joseph until she met the love of her life, Stephen Comstock, of Dowagiac.

On July 30, 1977, Steve and Dixie were married in an apple orchard at Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm. Together, Dixie and Steve traveled and camped extensively, making lifelong friends at every stop along the way. Once you were a friend of Dixie's, you were a friend for life. Dixie and Steve had two children: Owen and Caitlin, to whom Dixie dedicated her life and soul.

Dixie lived to decorate and entertain; she was the ultimate hostess, and a master curator of dishes, each of which had a distinct and particular purpose, and place in her heart. She loved her family above all, incessantly caring for everyone around her, related or not; they were all family to her. A firm believer that happiness is a choice in life, Dixie gifted us all by lighting up the world with her optimism, good humor, and unfailing selflessness, for 75 years.

Dixie is survived by her loving husband, Stephen Comstock; daughter, Caitlin Blanche (and husband, Brad). Dixie's granddaughters: Gabrielle Virginia, and Landry Luca; siblings: Kathleen Conrad and Judge Plummer; nieces and nephews: Whitney McDonald, David Comstock and Jonathon Comstock; as well as several cousins, sisters-in-law, great-nieces, nephews and countless loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her loving son, Owen Burns Comstock.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Clark Chapel and Cremation Services.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 29, at Clark Chapel, 405 Center St., Dowagiac, MI 49047. It is suggested guests arrive early to allow the service to begin promptly.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to City of Hope in support of Dr. Ravi Salgia and lung cancer research. Online donations can be made at https://ourhope.cityofhope.org/Comstock or by sending a check to City of Hope, attention: Cheryl Sanders, 1500 E. Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010. Please note "In Memory of Dixie Comstock."

Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at www.clarkch.com.

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Old records shed new light on smallpox outbreaks

By WILLIAM J. KOLE
Associated Press

BOSTON — A highly contagious disease originating far from America's shores triggers deadly outbreaks that spread rapidly, infecting the masses. Shots are available, but a divided public agonizes over getting jabbed.

Sound familiar?

Newly digitized records – including a minister's diary scanned and posted online by Boston's Congregational Library and Archives – are shedding fresh light on devastating outbreaks of smallpox that hit the city in the 1700s.

And three centuries later, the parallels with the coronavirus pandemic are uncanny.

"How little we've changed," said CLA archivist Zachary Bodnar, who led the digitization effort, working closely with the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

"The fact that we're finding these similarities in the records of our past is a very interesting parallel," Bodnar said in an interview. "Sometimes the more we learn, the more we're still the same, I guess."

Smallpox was eradicated, but not before it sickened and killed millions worldwide. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say the last natural outbreak of smallpox in the United States occurred in 1949. In 1980, the World Health Organization's decision-making arm declared it eradicated, and no cases of naturally occurring smallpox have been reported since.

But in April 1721, after an English ship, the HMS Seahorse, brought it to Boston, it was a clear and present danger. By winter of 1722, it would infect more than half of the city's population of 11,000 and kill 850.

Much earlier outbreaks, also imported from Europe, killed Native Americans indiscriminately in the 1600s. Now, digitized church records are helping to round out the picture of how the colonists coped when it was their turn to endure pestilence.

The world's first proper vaccination didn't occur until the end of that century, when an English country doctor named Edward Jenner inoculated an 8-year-old boy against smallpox in 1796.

Before then, doctors used inoculation, or variolation as it was often called, introducing a trace amount of the smallpox virus into the skin. The procedure, or variations of it, had been practiced since ancient times in Asia. Jenner's pioneering of vaccination, using instead a less lethal strain of the virus that infected cows, was a huge scientific advance.

Yet just as with COVID-19 vaccines in 2021, some took a skeptical view of smallpox inoculations in the 18th century, digitized documents show. To be sure, there was ample reason to worry: Early smallpox treatments, while effective in many who were inoculated, sickened or even killed others.

The Rev. Cotton Mather, one of the era's most influential ministers, had actively promoted inoculation. In a sign of how resistant some colonists were to the new technology, someone tossed an explosive device through his window in November 1721.

Fortunately, it didn't explode, but researchers at Harvard say this menacing message was attached: "Cotton Mather, you dog, damn you! I'll inoculate you with this; with a pox to you."

Among the recently digitized Congregational Church records are handwritten diary entries scrawled by the Rev. Ebenezer Storer, a pastor in Cambridge, Massachusetts. On March 11, 1764, as smallpox once again raged through Boston, Storer penned a prayer in his journal after arranging to have his own children inoculated.

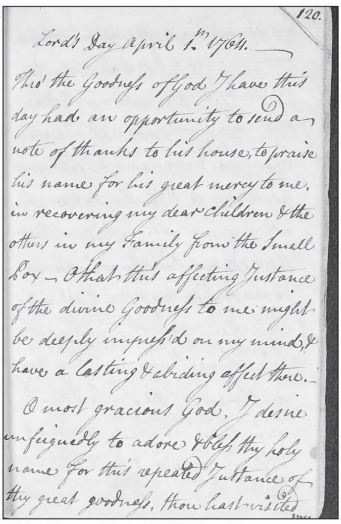
The deeply devout Storer, his diary shows, had faith in science.

"Blessed be thy name for any discoveries that have been made to soften the severity of the distemper. Grant thy blessing on the means used," he wrote.

Three weeks later, Storer gave thanks to God "for his great mercy to me in recovering my dear children and the others in my family from the smallpox."

For Bodnar, the archivist, it's a testament to the insights church records can contain.

"They're fascinating," he said. "They're essentially town records – they not only tell the story of the daily accounting of the church, but also the story of what people were doing at that time and what was going on."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Lord's Day April 1. 1764.
This the Goodness of God I have this day had an opportunity to send a note of thanks to his house, to praise his name for his great mercy to me, in recovering my dear children & the others in my family from the small Pox – & that this affecting Instance of the divine Goodness to me might be deeply impressed on my mind, & have a lasting & abiding affect there. O most gracious God, I desire unfeignedly to adore & bless thy holy name for this repeated Instance of thy great goodness, thou hast visited

American Ancestors & New England Historic Genealogical Society via AP

A digitized copy of a page from a handwritten 18th century diary by the Rev. Ebenezer Storer, during a period of smallpox, in Boston, shows an April 1764 entry that includes a prayer Storer wrote weeks after arranging to have his own children inoculated.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, MAY 22

Refuse to let outside influences stand between you and what you want to achieve. Added discipline will help you meet your deadlines and bring about a positive lifestyle change. Personal growth, mental and physical improvement and heartfelt discussions will take you on a journey that will transform your life forever.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take nothing for granted. If you want something done to your specifications, do it yourself. Get involved in activities that get you moving in a healthy direction. A challenge will bring out the best in you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A change of scenery will inspire you to do things differently. Listen to your heart, not to what others do or say, and you will find peace of mind and a way to start some positive projects.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Turn to the people you know you can count on. People who have let you down in the past will do so again if given a chance. Concentrate on self-improvement, getting fit and romance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Spend extra time on work-related projects. Getting a head start on something that's worrying you will put your mind at ease. Don't let anyone interfere or tempt you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take control, learn all you can and pursue something that excites you. Time spent with someone special will encourage you to rethink your lifestyle and immediate plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Spend more time at home and less time doing things that drain your bank account. A risky offer will be misleading. A change is necessary, but it has to be made for the right reason.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep life simple and avoid temptation. Consider what you have to offer, and update your resume or look for opportunities to use your skills to make a difference. Be part of the solution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Offering valid suggestions and a helping hand will encourage positive changes at home and to the way others treat you. Consider what matters most, and you'll make the right decisions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's full speed ahead. Plan out what you want to do, then get the ball rolling. A healthy mindset and enthusiasm will help you bring about positive changes at home and to a meaningful relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Develop a plan and follow through. Refuse to let outside influences put a damper on your day. Take the initiative to engage in something you can do safely. Avoid those hyping a risky venture.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Focus on something that matters, and you will make a difference. A path that leads to a unique way to use your skills and knowledge will stimulate your mind. Romance is in the stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't limit what you can do. An energetic approach to dealing with personal responsibilities will help you get things done and leave you time to do something that makes you happy.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, MAY 23

You are on a roll. Don't slow down; bring about positive change. Push away negativity, and gravitate toward encouraging people who bring out the best in you. Strive to accomplish things, and take responsibility for your happiness. Set the stage for success, and make things happen. Refuse to let outside interference spoil things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Personal improvements will turn out as planned, as long as you don't let anyone interfere with your intentions. Take charge of your life, and do what makes you happy. Romance is encouraged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do whatever it takes to soothe your soul. Walk away from turmoil and toward tranquility. Throw yourself into projects that help you relax and bring you joy. Consider your options.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get involved in something that excites you. Doing your best to make a difference will boost your morale and reputation. Distance yourself from people who want to take credit for your success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Review recent events that could affect your reputation or status, and put more effort and discipline into securing your position. Resist temptation, and avoid taking on fruitless projects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Expand your mind, liberate your soul and make personal changes that will give you the edge you need to advance. It's time to engage in something that excites you and requires all your skills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't stop until you are happy with the results. Look for a unique way to present what you have to offer, and you'll get the response you need to move forward. High energy will be necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Move away from temptation and toward something worthwhile. Offer your time and services to make a difference; it will help you gain needed perspective. Romance is on the rise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take a serious look at what others are asking of you, and consider your response carefully. Weigh the pros and cons, then think about the consequences. You'll come up with a reasonable solution.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Invest time and money in something you want to pursue. Discuss your plans with a loved one, and you'll find common ground that will help you move forward. A financial gain looks promising.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Listen carefully, and digest the information you receive before you respond. You may not like what you hear, but if it helps you avoid a costly mistake or regret, you should pay heed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A partnership looks promising. Discuss your intentions and see what transpires. A subtle change can make a big difference to the way you work and move forward professionally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Rethink your immediate strategy. Lay down a plan that is consistent with what you are striving to become. Take charge of your situation, and start making the changes necessary to reach your goal.

Dating apps adding vaccination badges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is pushing a new reason to swipe right: vaccination badges and "super swipes" for people who've gotten their coronavirus shots.

The Biden administration said Friday it's teaming up with dating apps to showcase the benefits of getting a shot.

Apps like Hinge, Tinder, Match and Bumble are offering special incentives to people who roll up their sleeves, including badges showing vaccination status and free access to premium content. BLK and Chispa will boost profiles of those who are vaccinated, to make them more visible to potential matches. And OKCupid will even let users filter out potential partners based on whether they've gotten a vaccine.

The White House says the apps will also direct users to learn how to get vaccinated, including connecting them with educational materials and information on how to find the nearest vaccination site. The administration pointed to research from OKCupid that found those who were already or were planning to get vaccinated received 14 percent more matches on the app.

"We have finally found the one thing that makes us more attractive – a vaccination," said White House COVID-19 adviser Andy Slavitt.

Beware: Like a would-be date's professed height or age, there is no way to verify the vaccination status of the dating app users.

LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

Senate Joint Resolution G, Ban banning state employees from communicating with a legislator: Passed 35 to 0 in the Senate

To place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment establishing that a state department or agency may not take disciplinary action against an employee because the employee communicates with a member of the legislature or a member's staff. The proposal would also ban restricting a nonpartisan employee of the legislature from communicating with a lawmaker or their staff. This requires a two-thirds majority vote in both the House and Senate to go on the ballot.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

Senate Resolution 53, Urge president to support Keystone pipeline: Passed 20 to 16 in the Senate

To adopt a non-binding resolution to "urge President Joe Biden to support the Keystone XL Pipeline, reverse his decision to cancel the permit, and to support American jobs and energy cooperation with our Canadian neighbor."

21	Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 4603, Let agricultural commodity marketing boards meet electronically: Passed 103 to 5 in the House

To permit members of the agricultural commodity marketing boards to meet electronically. The bill would permit this on a permanent basis, not just in epidemics. These entities allocate money collected through mandatory assessments levied on growers; examples include commissions for growers of apples, asparagus, potatoes, cherries, beans, beef and others.

59	Rep. Steve Carra	R – Three Rivers	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Paw Paw	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Coloma	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – South Haven	Y

House Bill 4088, Prescribe rules for bird feeding: Passed 61 to 47 in the House

To establish that deer feeding from backyard bird feeders does not constitute "deer baiting" or feeding, which are currently prohibited due to disease transmission concerns. The bill would explicitly permit placing up to two gallons of bird seed in a feeder within 300 feet of a residence.

59	Rep. Steve Carra	R – Three Rivers	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Paw Paw	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Coloma	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – South Haven	Y

House Bill 4074, Encourage schools to teach free enterprise and entrepreneurship: Passed 95 to 13 in the House

To encourage public schools to offer a program of instruction on free enterprise and entrepreneurship for high school students.

59	Rep. Steve Carra	R – Three Rivers	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Paw Paw	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Coloma	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – South Haven	Y

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Abortion case could be a game-changer

Jonah Goldberg

The Supreme Court recently announced it will take up Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, a challenge to a Mississippi law that all but bans abortions after 15 weeks. It's the first case in years that could result in the overturning of Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 ruling that, along with a companion case, Doe v. Bolton, legalized abortion on demand everywhere in the country.

A ruling probably won't come until next summer, which is plenty of time for everyone to lose their minds.

The outright overturning of Roe is just one possibility, and not necessarily the most likely. David French, my colleague at The Dispatch and a prominent lawyer and court watcher, argues that the most likely outcome is a narrower ruling that upholds Dobbs without fully overturning Roe. This, French writes, would establish a "new standard that permits greater abortion regulation without explicitly permitting abortion bans." It's anyone's guess what that standard would be, but one possibility is keeping abortion fully legal in the first trimester while permitting states to impose greater restrictions afterwards.

For ardent abortion-rights activists, this would be a massive setback and would be denounced as a calamity. But since roughly 90 percent of abortions are performed in the first trimester, one could argue that it would go a long way toward making the right to most abortions more constitutionally and politically secure than ever before. If so, pro-life activists might be just as mad as their pro-choice opponents.

Of course, pro-lifers would be even angrier if the Supreme Court, now with six conservative justices, overturned Dobbs and upheld Roe entirely. But that seems unlikely given that the court took up the case in the first place.

I think Roe should be overturned because it was a fatally flawed constitutional ruling. Reasonable people can disagree on that – though finding reasonable disagreement when it comes to these issues is pretty rare.

But I think overturning Roe or simply upholding Dobbs and setting a tighter standard would be good for the country politically and culturally. Even the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg was troubled by the "breathtaking" sweep of Roe, which imposed an abortion-on-demand regime across the country and essentially created the pro-life movement. If the court had been more "measured" (RBG's word), states would have been able to work out more reasonable and more politically secure regulations, avoiding the backlash Roe ignited.

Abortion is just one fault line, albeit a huge one, in the tectonic political and cultural stresses our country faces. But it's also emblematic of them. Fights over the Supreme Court are so grotesque because the institutions that were designed to handle political fights aren't doing their job.

The courts weren't intended to craft political compromises. They certainly weren't intended to pick winners and losers in policy fights for the whole country, at least not the policy fights that are properly hammered out by legislatures and elections. Justices aren't monarchs.

The same holds for the presidency, too. At least the president is elected. But for decades, presidents have increasingly legislated from the Oval Office through executive orders and administrative gimmicks. When a president from the other party comes in, he feels obligated to reverse the previous president's diktats and then issue his own.

The rise of populism on the right and the left is a direct result of people feeling as if the decisions affecting their lives – or reflecting their values – are made by politicians, judges and bureaucrats.

Abortion advocates, and even some abortion opponents, make it sound as if overturning Roe is synonymous with banning abortions outright. That wouldn't happen. Instead, the power to regulate abortion would fall back to the states, but also Congress to some extent. If that happened, abortion would remain legal in states where abortion rights are popular, such as California and New York.

Yes, it might be banned or severely curtailed in places such as Mississippi. I can understand why abortion rights advocates would find that dismaying, just as I can understand why opponents would find, say, California's post-Roe system appalling.

But here's the thing: Those people could make their case. They could campaign for politicians who agree with them, and those politicians could hammer out compromises with politicians who don't. It could get ugly, but it would be healthier than what we have now.

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LETTERS

Volleyball facility should not have been rejected

Editor,

In regards to the article "No safety net: Trustees turn down permit for proposed volleyball venue" (May 19), it was rather misleading.

No business plan was required for a special usage permit in Benton Charter Township. A 25-minute proposal with visuals was given to the township Planning Commission by me, to which it was commended on its thoroughness to questions about the beach volleyball facility. The presentation included engineered renderings from Wightman Engineering, the type of building, community benefits, and discussions on the ability for all members of the community to utilize the facility regardless of weather constraints and its desperate need in this community for family fun, training and leagues.

During this meeting, five other people spoke in favor of the facility including a direct neighbor speaking on behalf of the other neighbors. Township members were given peer-reviewed journal articles discussing the building as well as shown photos of other beach volleyball indoor and outdoor facilities and the online links to the builders.

This type of facility is no different than Outpost Sports in Mishawaka, Wings, Etc. in Osceola, any bowling alley, or sports game. Plenty of children at all of these places and it's never been considered a bad idea, only a place to enjoy each other and play ball.

Wightman Engineering and I had determined that electric, water and sewage were attainable on the parcel, which was discussed at the meeting with the township. It was unanimously voted by the Planning Commission to be put through to the trustees, as the commission members saw it as valuable to the community and needed in the area.

As a person wanting to start a business and minimize expenses, it makes zero sense to spend $20k+ on complete architectural renderings, pay thousands of dollars for beer and wine licensure, or go through getting a loan if you don't know whether you are allowed to build on the property. Wouldn't it be silly to do all of that to find out that you can't even use the property for that purpose? That would be like buying a wedding dress, paying for a cash bar and food, putting money down on a wedding venue on a specific date, all while you have no idea if there is even going to be a groom.

Now that would be the cart before the horse.

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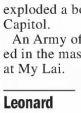
'What's Going On' still feels urgent, still feels now

Leonard Pitts



Fifty years ago.

Left-wing terrorists exploded a bomb at the U.S. Capitol.

An Army officer was convicted in the massacre of civilians at My Lai.

Vietnam chewed up another 2,414 American lives.

And across the country, needles were lowered for the first time to the grooved surface of a certain spinning vinyl disc, and there came the murmur of a party – "a groovy party, man," one of the guests pronounced it in the parlance of the time.

A sinuous saxophone twined among the revelers, the congas set an easy pace, the bass played it cool like, Don't start none, won't be none. And in a voice that ached and yearned, Marvin Gaye sang.

"Mother, mother, there's too many of you crying

"Brother, brother, brother, there's far too many of you dying ..."

It was a good year for music. Carole King released "Tapestry," the Rolling Stones put out "Sticky Fingers," the Temptations had "Sky's The Limit." But even in that august company, "What's Going On," the album Gaye debuted 50 years ago this week, stands out. There'd never been anything like it before. There's never been anything like it since.

Gaye, to that point a singer of amiable songs about guys and gals in love, had turned his attention to war, injustice, faith, addiction, police brutality, the spoilage of the planet, the plight of the inner cities, the loss of our children.

The result was less a suite of songs than a prayer rising from the pit of our common brokenness.

"What's Going On" was the lament of a man trying to make the senseless make sense, its very title a question to which no one seemed to know the answer.

Now it's 50 years later.

Right-wing insurrectionists storm the U.S. Capitol.

A global pandemic takes 3.3 million lives.

The GOP wages a war on truth.

America is pulling apart.

And "What's Going On" still feels urgent, still feels now.

It was the first Black concept album and the first to multitrack a singer's voice so that he performed in a choir of himself, music floating in a dreamy stream of consciousness, songs bleeding into one another, "What's Going On" becoming "What's Happening Brother" becoming "Flying' High (In The Friendly Sky)" becoming "Save The Children," becoming ... . And sadly, its themes remain relevant: We still struggle with war, drugs and, Lord knows, police brutality.

All of this is part of why it still resonates. But there is one reason more.

One seldom hears anyone talk about – much less sing about – the existential pain of being alive, the sheer exhaustion sometimes of simply being, in a world stained by sins of malice, abuse, selfishness and despair. But Gaye did. So this masterpiece – named the greatest album ever by Rolling Stone – doesn't get old or become corroded with nostalgia because it is tethered not to time, but to that common brokenness and the shared humanity from which it springs.

"Mother, mother" could be a woman whose son died in Vietnam – or Tamika Palmer, whose daughter Breonna Taylor died in Louisville.

"Brother, brother, brother" could be someone who overdosed in '71 – or Ahmaud Arbery, killed in February for jogging while Black.

"Make me wanna holler," sang Gaye, as the album came to an end, "throw up both my hands." And who, alive in this world, hasn't at some point felt exactly that?

The question he posed 50 years ago compels us still for one reason above all.

We don't have an answer yet.

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If you side with Hamas, your anti-Semitism is showing

Ben Shapiro

For the past two weeks, rockets have been fired into civilian areas of Israel by the terrorist group Hamas. Hamas' charter openly calls for the destruction of the state of Israel, which would entail an anti-Semitic genocide; its 1988 charter explicitly and openly calls for such a genocide.

Hamas spends tens of millions of dollars in foreign aid not on helping the citizens of the Gaza Strip but on building terror tunnels and rocket capacity to strike at the Jews. Hamas fires its rockets from civilian areas, seeking to force Israel to kill Palestinian civilians so Hamas can propagandize about supposed Israeli human rights atrocities.

Hamas locates its military facilities inside hospitals, journalist headquarters, schools and mosques. Hamas aims its rockets indiscriminately at civilians in Israel, killing Jews, Arabs and foreign workers.

Israel, meanwhile, routinely calls building supervisors in Gaza to warn them to evacuate buildings before bombing them. One such conversation, broadcast by Sky News, went like this:

Israeli military: "Listen, we are going to bomb the building."

Palestinian building supervisor: "You want to bomb? Bomb whatever you want."

"No, brother, we need to do everything we can so you don't die."

"We want to die."

"But you have a responsibility for children's lives."

"If the children need to die, then they'll die."

"God forbid. God forbid. What do you want to die?"

"This is how we reveal your cruelty."

The media coverage of the conflict has been predictably morally absurd. The Associated Press, an outfit that has regularly covered up Hamas' atrocities, has condemned Israel for hitting a Hamas building in which the AP had offices. Trevor Noah suggested that Israel's military superiority means that Israel must absorb hundreds of rockets per day and allow its civilian population to live under the shadow of radical Islamic terrorism. "If you are in a fight where the other person cannot beat you, how hard should you retaliate when they try to hurt you?" he asked. HBO's John Oliver accused Israel of "killing civilians and children."

Members of the Democratic Party's radical, anti-Semitic fashion have been no less morally inverted. Rep. Rashida Tlaib has encouraged President Joe Biden to cut off Israel's defense supplies. Rep. Ilhan Omar has accused Israel of "terrorism." Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has called Israel an "apartheid state," despite the fact that Arabs are full citizens of Israel while not a single Jew lives under the predations of Hamas. And this week, nearly 200 Democrats voted not to cut off funding to groups linked with Hamas.

The conflict between Hamas and Israel is not a dispute over borders: Israel withdrew from the Gaza Strip a decade and a half ago. It is not a dispute over religion: Israel allows Muslims full freedom of worship throughout Israel, *particularly* on the Temple Mount, Judaism's holiest site, where Jewish worship remains essentially forbidden in favor of kowtowing to Islamist diktats. It is not a dispute over homes in Sheikh Jarrah, a suburb of Jerusalem that has been the subject of a decades-long property dispute between private parties and in which Arabs who aren't subject to such disputes continue to live.

The conflict between Hamas and Israel is about a stubborn fact: Israel exists, and Hamas wishes it didn't exist. Hamas will target civilians in Israel, use Palestinian children to shield its rockets and lie to the press to achieve its goals. Israel, meanwhile, is seeking to minimize civilian casualties at great risk to its own citizens.

Opposing Israel's actions doesn't make you an anti-Semite. But siding with Hamas in a conflict like this one certainly does.

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Chriss Lyon gives one of her dogs, Charlie, a kiss this week at her St. Joseph home.

PETS

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"We certainly saw an increase. Our numbers were up significantly," she said.

Paws of Hope, an all-volunteer organization based in Stevensville, provides foster homes for dogs and cats until they are placed into permanent homes.

"One interesting thing is, kittens always get adopted very quickly, and adult cats are always in competition," Fedor said. "During the pandemic, there was a high demand for adult cats. People said that since they were home, they would be able to help an older cat adjust to a new home."

The American Veterinary Medical Association reported the number of new pets being seen by veterinary practices increased from 25 per week in March 2020 to 39 per week in July 2020. The rate at which pets were rescued from shelters increased 12 percent year-over-year in 2020, after several years of being relatively flat or declining, the AVMA says.

And local veterinarians are swamped.

"We have definitely seen more pets," said Dr. Holly Shaffer at the Two by Two Animal Hospital in Berrien Springs. "I can't give exact numbers, but we definitely saw a lot more new pets over the past year. People thought it was a good time to get and train a new pet."

Feeling anxious

Shaffer said she has not personally seen a surge in anxious pets coming to the animal hospital, but "if you come home and they've torn things apart, it's a sign."

She said another sign would be more saliva around the house from pets drooling, a common reaction to anxiety.

"Pets like routine. If you see signs of anxiety, talk to your vet right away. Meanwhile, give your pets more intentional attention, do something special with them when you get home," Shaffer said.

Veterinarians say most pets are creatures of habit, so after months of having their owners at home, having them return to in-person work may be a bit of a shock for pets.

And many pet-owners did not stick to a structured schedule while working from home, and that can make it harder for pets to accept a new routine, Shaffer said.

The American Kennel Club says common situations that cause separation anxiety in pets include someone returning to work after a maternity leave or extended unemployment, or children returning to school at the end of summer. So with entire families now returning to work, dogs everywhere are likely to develop anxiety, the AKC says.

Signs include agitation, excessive barking, shaking, pacing, urinating in the house, chewing and destructive behavior.

Shaffer said there are medications available for pets who exhibit or develop anxiety.

Animal experts suggest the following for people who are preparing to return to in-person work, leaving their pets at home alone:

- Set a fixed time for activities such as play, exercise, walking and meals.
- Walk a dog before going to work, to help the pet burn off excess energy.
- Develop a routine now that you will follow when you return to the office.
- Start leaving pets alone for small periods of time each day, building up to an eight-hour work day.
- When returning home, praise pets for good behavior, helping them learn you will always return.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH – The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler:

Nacole Jessica Coleman and Calvin Dewayne Hill both of Benton Harbor.

Katelyn Elizabeth Csenar of Westminster, Colo., and Alex Richard Skudrovskis of Granger, Ind.

Linda-Jean Grace Dotson and Joseph Robert Spear, both of Baroda.

Brittany Nicole Fitz of Eau Claire and Mark Tirey Stallings of Stevensville.

Charlotte Rose Kirby of Los Angeles and Nathaniel Morton Davis of Santa Cruz., Calif.

Lauren Alyssa Kniebes and Kyle Peter Fellows, both of Stevensville.

Melissa Ann Mashak and Douglas Earl Pugh, both of Three Oaks.

Kami Kathleen Matlock of Niles and Steven Darell Fordyce of Buchanan.

Gabrielle Elizabeth Prato of Chicago and Christopher Carter Dunlap of Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Latanya Shanel Rimpson and Carlton Antoni Kelly, both of Benton Harbor.

Virginia Marie Snook and Anthony Patrick Lamar, both of St. Joseph.

Tiffany Lynette Thomas and David Ladale Scott, both of Benton Harbor.

Devynn Audrea Yore and Kyle Wayne Leamer, both of Benton Harbor.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Hospital, Niles

Edwardsburg – Boy, 9 pounds even, Ricole and Zakary Haas, 12:28 a.m. May 12.

Three Oaks – Boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, Melody May Hatfield and Kyle Wayne VanAlstine, 2:44 p.m. May 18.

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Boy, 5 pounds, 5 ounces, Satin Chandler and Nate Metz, 7:19 a.m. May 19.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 5 pounds, 13.8 ounces, Jamie Farmed, 9:40 a.m. May 17.

Berrien Springs – Boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, Alice Varela Duarte Manica and Luciano Manica, 6:45 a.m. May 16.

Buchanan – Boy, 10 pounds, 15 ounces, Angela and Derrick Sousley, 8:07 a.m. May 20.

Dowagiac – Girl, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, 11:11 p.m. Alyssa and Jonathan Lindemulder, May 20.

Dowagiac – Girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, Jennifer and Brian Litten, 6:38 p.m. May 19.

St. Joseph – Boy, 9 pounds, 5 ounces, Kylie and Dave Deis, 11:49 a.m. May 14.

Stevensville – Girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, Jennifer and James Morrison, 9:11 p.m. May 18.

BRONSON

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The hospital, which people will be able to access from either Blue Star Highway or South Bailey Avenue, will be environmentally friendly, as well. Hospital officials say the hospital is expected to exceed minimum energy code building requirements through use of energy-efficient LED lighting, high-performance, low E-coated glass, indoor air quality improvements and building material resource conservation. Contractors have also used low-volatile organic compound (VOC) materials and materials with high-recyclable content.

Hospital officials had hoped to open the new hospital earlier this year, but were hampered by construction supply issues caused by COVID-19 health restrictions.

"Unexpected delays in receiving some building materials due to the disruption to supply chains during the pandemic contributed to the two-month delay," said Dr. Matthew Dommer, chief operating officer for Bronson South Haven.

After the new hospital opens, Bronson plans to tear down its current facility at 955 S. Bailey Ave.

"It would have cost $40-$60 million to fix the current facility," Kirk Richardson, senior vice president of community care for Bronson HealthCare, said in a previous interview. "That's why it was decided to build a new building."

It wasn't just the expense, but the age of the existing medical facility, which has infrastructure that dates back to the 1940s to mid-1960s, Richardson said.

WATER

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Customers not using filters certified to remove lead are asked to flush their pipes for at least five minutes after the water has been sitting in the pipes for several hours if it is to be used for drinking, cooking or brushing teeth.

Information on the city's water filter program can be found at www.berriencounty.org/1599/City-of-Benton-Harbor.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago - 1996

The long wait is over for St. Joseph's boys track team. Coach Ron Waldvogel's Bears placed second at the Big Eight Conference in Battle Creek on Wednesday to earn a share of the overall league crown – their first in 25 years. The Bears won three straight league titles from 1969-71, but hadn't won or shared one since.

35 years ago - 1986

In an era when many retail businesses disappear within a few years of starting up, Yeske's Appliances is observing 50 years of continuous operation in the Twin Cities area. Don Yeske, co-owner of the business with his brother Bob, said the store's longevity is due to its loyal customers. He and Bob are second-generation owners and are now seeing second- and third-generation customers.

50 years ago - 1971

Berrien General Hospital concluded its National Hospital Week activities Saturday with a VIP luncheon that included words of optimism over recent medical advances and forecasts. Attending the luncheon were about 50 members of the hospital's board, staff and the Berrien County Board of Commissioners. Frank Poorman of Buchanan, a county commissioner who also served for 22 years on the hospital's board, told of years of "hell" gone through to establish Berrien General as a fine hospital. He termed it a long cry from the original county poor farm for 80 patients to the present 255-bed hospital.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, May 22, the 142nd day of 2021. There are 223 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 22, 2017, a suicide bomber set off an improvised explosive device that killed 22 people at the end of an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, England.

On this date:

In 1813, composer Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig, Germany.

In 1939, the foreign ministers of Germany and Italy, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Galeazzo Ciano, signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a military alliance.

In 1960, an earthquake of magnitude 9.5, the strongest ever measured, struck southern Chile, claiming some 1,655 lives.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson, speaking at the University of Michigan, outlined the goals of his "Great Society," saying that it "rests on abundance and liberty for all" and "demands an end to poverty and racial injustice."

In 1967, a fire at the L'Innovation department store in Brussels killed 322 people. Poet and playwright Langston Hughes died in New York at age 65.

In 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 10, with Thomas P. Stafford and Eugene Cernan aboard, flew to within nine miles of the moon's surface in a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing.

In 2011, a tornado devastated Joplin, Missouri, with winds up to 250 mph, claiming at least 159 lives and destroying about 8,000 homes and businesses.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Scattered T-storms	Few Showers
79°	61°	77° / 58°	79° / 64°	78° / 60°	71° / 53°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 79°, humidity of 51%. Southwest wind 7 to 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 61°. Southwest wind 8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:18 a.m.
Sunset	9:06 p.m.
Moonrise	4:33 p.m.
Moonset	4:16 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
5/26	6/2	6/10	6/17

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	86°R
Low	67°
Normal High	72°
Normal Low	50°
Record High	84° in 2009
Record Low	30° in 2002

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.86"
Normal for month	2.65"
Year to date	8.03"
Normal Year to date	11.83"

Air Quality

Yesterday	66
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

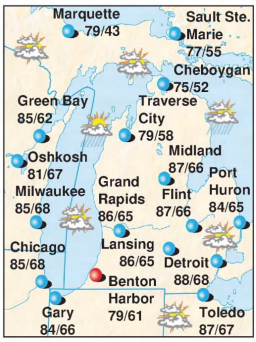
0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

How fast does the average raindrop fall?

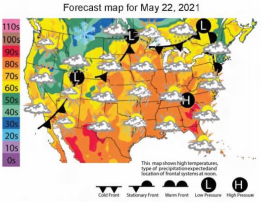
Answer: Depending on their size, raindrops fall between 7-18 mph.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 22, 2021



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Lake Michigan

Today, SSW wind 7 to 9 kt. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 72 degrees. Tonight, SW wind 7 to 10 kt. Mostly clear.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers, highs in the 70s. West southwest wind 6 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with widespread showers and thunderstorms, highs from the 40s to the 70s. East southeast wind 7 to 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 70s and 80s. Southwest wind 7 to 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with isolated thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s. West southwest wind 6 to 10 mph.

Carbon storage offers hope for climate, cash for farmers

By JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

John Flesher / AP

Farmer Rick Clifton drives a spray tractor across one of his fields, applying herbicide to cover crops that occupied the ground during fall and winter in Orient, Ohio, on April 5. Clifton grows cereal rye and rapeseed to prevent erosion and make the ground healthier for his corn, soybean and wheat cash crops. Cover crops store carbon in the soil, keeping the greenhouse gas out of the atmosphere.

ORIENT, Ohio — The rye and rapeseed that Rick Clifton cultivated in central Ohio were coming along nicely – until his tractor rumbled over the flat, fertile landscape, spraying it with herbicides.

These crops weren't meant to be eaten, but to occupy the ground between Clifton's soybean harvest last fall and this spring's planting. Yet thanks to their environmental value, he'll still make money from them.

Farmers increasingly have been growing offseason cereals and grasses to prevent erosion and improve soil. Now, they're gaining currency as weapons against climate change.

Experts believe keeping ground covered year-round rather than bare in winter is among practices that could reduce emissions of planet-warming gases while boosting the agricultural economy, if used far more widely.

"For too long, we've failed to use the most important word when it comes to meeting the climate crisis: jobs, jobs, jobs," President Joe Biden said in his April address to Congress. One example, he added: "Farmers planting cover crops so they can reduce the carbon dioxide in the air and get paid for doing it."

Clifton, 66, started growing cover crops several years ago to improve corn, soybean and wheat yields. Then he read about Indigo Agriculture, a company that helps businesses and organizations buy credits for carbon bottled up in farm fields. He signed a contract that could pay about $175,000 over five years for storing greenhouse gases across his 3,000 acres.

"If you can get something green on the ground year-round, you're feeding the microbes in the soil and it's a lot healthier," he said, touring a barn loaded with cultivating and harvesting equipment. "And if somebody wants to pay you to do that, it looks to me like you're foolish not to do it."

Agriculture generates about 10 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions: methane from livestock, nitrous oxide from fertilizers, carbon dioxide from machinery.

All industries are under pressure to reduce emissions, primarily by switching to renewable energy.

But farming has something most others don't: the ability to pull carbon dioxide, the most prevalent climate-warming gas, out of the atmosphere and store it. Plants use it in photosynthesis, their process of making food.

Besides cover crops, promising techniques for carbon storage include reducing or eliminating tillage and letting marginal croplands revert to plains or woods, said Adam Chambers, a U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service air quality scientist.

Agriculture won't be "the sole solution, but I see it as a solid plank in an overall program to address climate change over the next few decades," said David Montgomery, a University of Washington geologist.

The National Academy of Sciences estimates agricultural soils could take in 276 million tons of atmospheric carbon dioxide annually, which would offset 5 percent of U.S. emissions.

Some caution against overselling farmland's potential. Iowa State University ecologist Steven Hall says that at some soil depths, microbes convert carbon absorbed by cover crops into gas that returns to the atmosphere. "It may make sense to pay farmers to do this," he said. "But I would go into it a bit more suspicious that we'll get a maximum performance on all farms."

The federal government has spent hundreds of millions of dollars helping farmers make environmentally friendly changes. Since 2005, those actions have produced an eight-fold increase in prevention of greenhouse gas emissions, the NRCS says.

The latest U.S. Census of Agriculture in 2017 found more farmers were switching from conventional soil tilling, a big source of carbon pollution, to reduced or no-till practices. It also recorded a 50 percent increase in cover cropping over five years. But the 15.4 million acres planted in cover crops were just 6.7 percent of the land suitable for it.

Biden has ordered the Department of Agriculture to craft a plan for making such practices so common that the U.S. farm industry would become the world's first to achieve net zero emissions.

Secretary Tom Vilsack has pledged bigger payments for pulling marginal lands out of crop production to make way for carbon-absorbing grasses, trees and wetlands. He announced $330 million for local climate partnerships and $25 million for testing new ideas.

Supporters say unless the actions are mandatory, which farmers resolutely oppose, more financial incentives will be needed.

The agriculture department is consulting industry groups about tapping the $30 billion Commodity Credit Corp., which helps keeps farm incomes and prices stable, to establish a "carbon bank" that could pump in more funds.

Republican lawmakers say financing carbon storage should be left to rapidly developing private markets.

Pending U.S. Senate and House bills would help farmers get started and provide third-party inspections to verify improvements. The chief Senate sponsor, Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, said attitudes have changed since she unsuccessfully proposed a similar program in 2009.

"Farmers have been hit right in the head with one weather disaster after another. They know the climate is changing," the Democrat said.

The measures have bipartisan sponsorship and support from industry groups such as the American Farm Bureau Federation. The Environmental Defense Fund is among green organizations backing it.

Bruno Basso, a Michigan State University soil and plant scientist, said farmers are unlikely to resume old ways after seeing how the changes benefit their lands. Carbon storage methods and technology to assess their performance are improving, he added.

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2021 hp Academic All-Stars

By ANDY STEINKE
HP Features Editor

As another school year winds to a close, we once again turn our attention to the best and brightest high school seniors in Southwest Michigan for our annual Academic All-Stars.

For the 31st time since 1991, we asked high school principals, teachers and guidance counselors to help us ferret out the seniors who excelled academically but also were involved in extracurricular activities, volunteered, showed leadership skills and were strong of character.

Twenty high schools in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties nominated 42 seniors for consideration. Each student completed a questionnaire, told us why they think they should be an All-Star, and secured a letter of recommendation. Each school also submitted the students' standardized test scores and transcripts.

Once again narrowing the list to our top 15 were Gary Roberts, dean of arts and sciences at Lake Michigan College; Joe Elsheikhi, a math consultant for Berrien RESA; and the now-retired Keith Mattingly, former associate provost for undergraduate education at Andrews University.

"The joy of being an Academic All-Stars judge comes from being introduced to so many impressive high school graduates so close to home, young people with all-around amazing talent and ability mixed with change-the-world goals early in their life," Mattingly said. "And even more amazing has been their willingness to combine their talent, ability and goal setting with self-sacrificial effort and the contribution of lots of time. With a group like this we have great hope for the future."

Roberts agreed: "Even through a pandemic, these students have shown their commitment to their education and to their communities. Nicely done to all of them."

As the COVID-19 pandemic stretched on from last school year into this one, the Class of 2021 saw a return to school unlike any in history. Some were learning in person, some remotely and some virtually. And some in a hybrid combination of learning.

"The candidates demonstrated exceptional academic skills and character," Elsheikhi said. "They have continued to shine and achieve during this unique and challenging school year."

Each of the top 15 Academic All-Stars will receive a $200 scholarship funded by The Herald-Palladium and Andrews University. They also will receive a Red Hawk Scholarship from LMC that's good for a three credit-hour course.

Congratulates to all of this year's nominees for your remarkable accomplishments in high school, and best wishes on your future pursuits.

Kaitlyn LeRoux Kite
Bangor High School

Nathaniel Robert Giessner
Berrien Springs High School

Megan Elizabeth Wieger
Brandywine High School

Luke Henry Blesy
Bridgman High School

Martha Lynn Schaller
Dowagiac Union High School

Leah Isabel Brucal
Lake Michigan Catholic High School

Jonathon David Jollay
Lake Michigan Catholic High School

Tatiana Elizabeth Beran
Lakeshore High School

Naomi Ann Norris
Lawrence High School

Evie Ruth Clare
Michigan Lutheran High School

Konstantin Felix Bauer
New Buffalo High School

Abigail Frances Vitale
New Buffalo High School

Owen Marcus Faulkner
St. Joseph High School

Norah Kaur Judge
St. Joseph High School

Elinor Sophia Frost
South Haven High School

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Online

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Coming up

Pick up a copy of The Herald-Palladium on Wednesday for our 2021 graduation section full of seniors' names, commencement service times, top 10 seniors, valedictorians and more.

Christine Vanlandingham
Generations

Long-term care patients want to age in place, but state funds are limited

You may not be familiar with the names Lois Curtis and Elaine Wilson, but these Georgia women had a significant impact on the options you have for how and where you will receive long-term care if issues of disability or age-related frailty arise.

Lois and Elaine, who both had developmental disabilities, were voluntarily admitted to the psychiatric unit in a state-run Georgia hospital. Following the women's medical treatment, mental health professionals determined each was ready to move to a community-based program.

However, the women remained confined in the institution for several years after the initial treatment ended. They filed suit under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for release from the hospital.

In June 1999, the U.S. Supreme Court held in Olmstead v. L.C. that unjustified segregation of those with disabilities constitutes discrimination in violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The court held that public entities must provide community-based services to those with disabilities as an alternative to institutional care such as nursing homes.

See **GENERATIONS**, page B2

BEETLE BAILEY

KILLER, HOW DO I KNOW IF MY DATE WENT WELL?
WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU DROVE HER HOME?
GREG + MORT WALKED
SUPER POWER PLUS
I DIDN'T DRIVE HER, SHE WALKED
IT DIDN'T GO WELL
SUPER POWER PLUS?
5/22

BLONDIE

HI & LOIS

BC

WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT

I'LL BE FORTY MINUTES LATE.
I JUST WASTED TWENTY MINUTES WAITING! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME AS SOON AS YOU KNEW?
BECAUSE I KNEW YOU WOULD BE A JERK ABOUT IT, SO I PUNISHED YOU.
OH.

GARFIELD

INSTEAD OF THE NEWS, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT MY VACATION PHOTOS
HERE I AM BEING ATTACKED BY SEAGULLS
AND MORE SEAGULLS... AND MORE GULLS!
JUST LET THEM HAVE THE SANDWICH!

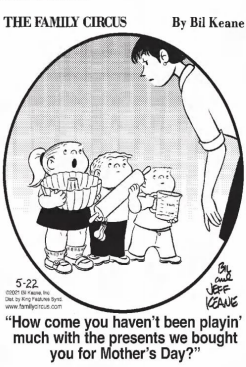
FORT KNOX

I'M GLAD GRANDMA DOESN'T HAVE WORMS.
ME TOO, WES.
ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M DEALING WITH FIPEL'S SUPPEN AILMENT.
WHAT DOES HE HAVE? MOTHS?
NO, RABIES.
WHERE'S MY SHAVING CREAM??

PICKLES

I SAW A GUY ON TV PAINT A COMPLETE PAINTING IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES.
IT HAD A LAKE, TREES, MOUNTAINS, CLOUDS... IT WAS BEAUTIFUL... AND IT ONLY TOOK HIM TWENTY MINUTES.
AND YOUR POINT IS...?
NOTHING. JUST MAKING CONVERSATION.

FAMILY CIRCUS


THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
5-22
JEFF KEANE
"How come you haven't been playin' much with the presents we bought you for Mother's Day?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

MOM, I NEED TO USE THE RESTROOM. CAN WE STOP?
ZOE, THE MOTORHOME HAS A BATHROOM, REMEMBER?
YEAH, BUT...
...I DON'T WANT TO GET BUCKED OFF THE SEAT AGAIN.
THAT WAS A POTHOLE! NOT MY FAULT!

CURTIS

ZITS

SO YOU WERE STUCK IN THIS TUBE FOR AN HOUR?
HOW DID YOU GET OUT?
DUDE, YOU MIGHT WANT TO HANG ON TO THIS FOR THE NEXT TIME.
I'D RATHER NOT SAY.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS

WHERE'S THAT BIRD, NINO, WHO'S BEEN COMPOSING THE SOUNDTRACK TO YOUR LIFE?
HE'S GRUMPY HE'S GLOOMY BUT WHAT'S IT TO ME? LOOK OUT, WUSS IT'S... SOUR PUSS!
HE HAS A NEW GIG.
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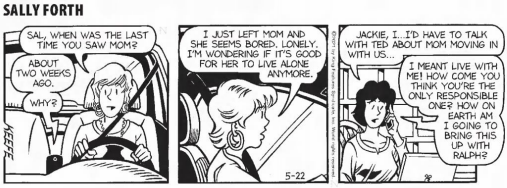
SALLY FORTH


SAL, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW MOM?
ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.
WHY?
JEFFREY
I JUST LEFT MOM AND SHE SEEMS BORED, LONELY, I'M WONDERING IF IT'S GOOD FOR HER TO LIVE ALONE ANYMORE.
5-22
JACKIE, I... I'D HAVE TO TALK WITH TED ABOUT MOM MOVING IN WITH US...
I MEANT LIVE WITH ME! HOW COME YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY RESPONSIBLE ONE? HOW ON EARTH AM I GOING TO BRING THIS UP WITH RALPH?

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PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING MAY 22

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (13) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	NBA	NBA Basketball First Round: Teams TBA. (N) (L) CC				
CBS (2) (3) (22)	Judge Judy	NCIS: Los Angeles "Raising the Dead"		NCIS: New Orleans "Homeward Bound"		48 Hours CC	
NBC (5) (8) (16)	Ac. Holly-wood	NHL Hockey First Round: Teams TBA. (N) (L)					
FOX (17) (22) (28) (32)	:00 MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis, (N) (L) CC					Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Lawrence Welk	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	Antiques Roadshow (Part 3 of 4) CC		Frankie Drake Mysteries CC (DVS)	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	NightTeam	Friends CC
MNT (39)	Graham Bensinger	Dateline "Everything She Knew" CC		Dateline "The Landing" CC		Storm of Suspicion	
WCIU (26)	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME (46)	:00 Heart-land	Heartland CC (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries CC		Murdoch Mysteries CC	
WGN (9)	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	Andre the Giant	Biography: Shawn Michaels Wrestler Shawn Michaels' wild life. CC				:01 Biography: Rowdy Roddy Piper	
AMC	Breakfast Club	★★★ Twister ('96) Helen Hunt. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. CC				Deep Impact ('98)	
Animal	Pit Bulls	Pit Bulls and Parolee				Tia's plans change.	
BET	Married	★★ Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail ('09) CC					I Can Do
Big Ten	Baseball	College Baseball Penn State at Illinois. (N) (L) CC					
Bravo	6:30 ★★★ Pretty Woman ('90) Richard Gere. CC			★★ Sweet Home Alabama ('02) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. CC			
Cartoon	Gumball	American	American	American	American	Rick	Final Sp.
Cinemax	The Invisible Man	★★ A Perfect Murder ('98) Michael Douglas, Gwyneth Paltrow. CC				9:49 ★★★ Dead Man Walking	
CMT	6:30 ★★ The Guardian ('06) CC				To Be Announced		
CNBC	Boss	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Undercover Boss	
CNN	News	CNN Newsroom		CNN Special Report		United Shades	
Comedy	Dodgeball	★★ Fist Fight ('17) Charlie Day. CC				Dodgeball: Underdog	
Discovery	Airplane Repo	Street Outlaws "Slick Moves" Johnny Quick tries out a new strategy. CC				Street Outlaws "We Meet Again" CC	
Disney	Amphibia CC		Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	
DIY	Fixer	Inn-	:40 Fixer Upper		Magnolia	9:50 Fixer Upper	
E!	6:30 ★★ Couples Retreat			★★★ Bridesmaids ('11) Kristen Wiig.			
ESPN	NBA Basketball		Boxing				
ESPN2	Softball	College Softball				College Softball	
ESPNC	Football	College Football From Nov. 25, 1995.				College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Gutfeld! CC	
Fox Sports	Tigers Lv.	Tigers	Michigan	Focused	Spotlight	Shogun Fights	
Freefrm	5:45 Shrek	7:50 ★★★ Shrek 2 ('04, Children's) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. CC				9:55 ★★ Shrek Forever After	
FX	5:30 Deadpool	★★★ Deadpool 2 ('18) Ryan Reynolds. Deadpool joins forces with a team of mutants to fight Cable.				Deadpool	
Golf	PGA Championship			Live From the PGA Championship			
Hallmark	:00 Love Takes Flight ('19, Romance) Nikki DeLoach. CC			Moonlight in Vermont ('17, Romance-Comedy) Lacey Chabert, Carlo Marks. CC			
HBO	Birds of Prey	★★ Wonder Woman 1984 ('20, Action) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Kristen Wiig. (P). CC				:31 Hacks CC	
History	Pickers	American Pickers		:02 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Property	Chateau		$50K	$50K	$50K Three Ways	
Learning	People	Extreme Sisters (N)		Extreme Sisters (N)		Extreme Sisters (N)	
Lifetime	Predator Obses	A Predator Returns ('21) Houston Stevenson, Leigha Smott. (P). CC				:03 Dangerous Medicine ('21) CC	
MSNBC	Voices	Week-Johnson		Week-Johnson		American Voices	
MTV	:00 ★★ Next Friday ('00)			★ Friday After Next ('02) Ice Cube.			
NBCSCH	Fore	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees. CC					
NFL	6:00 NFL Football CC			NFL Football From Dec. 6, 2020. (N) CC			
Nick	Loud	Hustle	Drama Club (N)		Dylan	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler	
Oxygen	Accident, Suicide	Killer Couples CC		Killer Couples CC		Killer Couples "Bill and Sandra Inman"	
Parmt	★ Grown Ups ('10)		★ Grown Ups 2 ('13) Adam Sandler. CC				
Showtime	Black Monday	Black Monday	Black Monday	Dreamland ('19, Drama) Margot Robbie. (P). CC		:45 Lawless	
Starz	Amazing Spdr	Confronting a Serial Killer CC		8:57 Run the World	:29 ★★ Black and Blue ('19) Naomie Harris. CC		
STZENC	:08 ★★ St. Elmo's Fire ('85, Drama) Rob Lowe. CC			★★ Overboard ('87, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Edward Herrmann. CC			
SyFy	6:32 ★★★ The Bourne Identity ('02) Matt Damon.			★★★ The Bourne Supremacy ('04, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente. CC			
TBS	5:45 Rampage	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Stage-coach	★★★ Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter? ('57) Jayne Mansfield. CC				★★ The Brass Bottle ('64)	
TMC	:00 ★★ Congo ('95) Dylan Walsh. (P). CC			★★ Halloween H20: 20 Years Later ('98) (P). CC			Hallowe-en: Res
TNT	Other	★★ The Replacements ('00) Keanu Reeves.					Uncle
Travel	Kindred	Kindred Spirits		Kindred Spirits (N)		Paranormal Witness	
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two and a Half Men		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	John Wick 2	★★★ John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum ('19, Action) Keanu Reeves, Halle Berry. CC (DVS)					John Wick 3
VH1	Back-Future III		★★★ Coming to America ('88) Eddie Murphy.				
WGN-A	NewsNation Prime	NewsNation Prime (N)		Banfield CC		Banfield CC	

Sibling still wrestles with lingering effects of abuse

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I had a horrible childhood with a mean mother who berated and took her issues out on me. I also had an older brother who enjoyed making fun of me and embarrassed me in front of others to get his kicks. He still never misses an opportunity to pull a "gotcha."

I was raised at a time when child abuse was considered making a kid tough. What it did to me was break me down emotionally. Does PTSD ever go away, or do I have to live with it to the end? – Just Getting By In New York

DEAR JUST GETTING BY: I'm sorry for the abuse to which you were subjected. PTSD does not go away on its own, and you do not have to "live with it." Distance yourself as much as possible from your bully brother. You can find the help you need by asking your physician or insurance company to refer you to a licensed psychotherapist who specializes in patients with PTSD. You won't be the first person to do "couch time" after an abusive childhood. Trust me on that.

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law has spent every Friday night with my husband and me for two years, ever since my mother-in-law passed away. My husband spends every Tuesday evening with him at his house. My sister-in-law is building a room onto her house for him to live in (he is selling his house). My husband and sister-in-law call him two or three times a day.

Abby, my father-in-law is healthy and still drives. He never pays for any food – my husband and sister-in-law buy all his food. He's a wealthy man, but stingy. I think my husband and his sister are obsessed. What do you think? I'm so tired of this. I don't want him staying at my house. I need privacy! Help! – Over It Now In Tennessee

DEAR OVER IT: Your husband and his sister appear to be devoted to their father. Either that, or they may anticipate a big payday once their wealthy parent expires. More than privacy, you may need a break. Arrange to spend some of those Friday nights with women friends, and perhaps his presence will be less onerous.

DEAR ABBY: We welcomed new neighbors and allowed them to use our garbage can until they got one, and gave them a bottle of wine and a housewarming card. We also offered to let them use our downstairs bathroom until the contractor finished theirs. No one else on the block did anything for them. Nothing.

They then invited a neighbor and his wife over for drinks and didn't invite us. My husband says I shouldn't be offended by this. I certainly would have had the neighbors who had welcomed me over first. What do you think? – Snubbed In The South

DEAR SNUBBED: I think you and your husband are more than neighborly. I also think you are blessed with common sense, something your new neighbors may lack. My advice is to let this unfortunate incident slide without holding a grudge. Take the high road and move on. Nothing positive will come of allowing this to fester. Whether the couple is worth knowing better will become apparent with time.

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Husband is a 'conversational narcissist'

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: I have a "conversational narcissist" husband. Whenever I begin speaking about something – my day, something I read, a conversation I had, etc. – instead of asking any follow-up questions, my husband jumps right in with, "Wow my day was ..."; "Yeah, I just read about ..."; "I just spoke with ..." He never asks me questions. And I mean never.

I have told him it makes me feel like what I have to say isn't important and he counters with, "Of course it is," but continues this type of behavior. If I say, "I need a new pair of shoes," instead of asking something like, "Oh really, what kind of shoes?" he'll say, "Oh I need a new pair too. I was thinking about these sneakers ..." It's like the Toby Keith song, "I like talking about you, you, you, usually, but occasionally I wanna talk about me."

Can you offer any words that I can use to make him understand my point? He says he understands but nothing yet has helped. Thanks. – MEEEEEEEE

DEAR MEEEEEEEE: Nothing will help. I'm sorry.

No wait – nothing will *change* him. He clearly is this way and your efforts won't put a dent in that, or else they would have by now. "You don't ask me anything about me, ever," is not a complicated concept that requires precision in phrasing.

However, some things can still help. Namely, you can choose to look at it differently. That's something you control, at least much more than you can control him.

As a reader shared earlier, Happiness = Reality – Expectations. You've failed to change his Reality, so change your Expectations.

So: How can you reframe this trait of his into something you can stop labeling as bad or disappointing and just accept as different?

Maybe think of it as the difference between sympathy and empathy. You want empathy – for him to feel what you're feeling or show interest in your interests. But his jumping in with his parallel stories is arguably a form of sympathy, where he relates to you through the way he feels about a similar thing. It's not exactly what you want, but it's not erasing you as "unimportant," either. It's an attempt to meet you where you are. Albeit not a particularly strong one.

Which is, apparently, the best he's got for you right now. If you can adjust your expectations of him, then you can rerun the formula and maybe get a higher Happiness value: Happiness = Reality – Expectations

I've long said writing advice is like doing word problems about feelings, but it's nice to see it in math form.

Another way you can change reality is to prompt him for what you want: "This is where you ask me what kind of shoes I need."

REGARDING SELF-CENTERED HUSBAND: I feel your pain. I once did a test to see how long my husband would go without asking me how my day went, how my work was going, etc. I lost track somewhere around eight weeks. I have adjusted my expectations of him accordingly. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Yikes.

"Hi, Honey – how was my day?" See if he's even awake.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Have — — at
4 Muscle used in pushups
7 Plow puller
11 Wager
12 Deborah of old films
13 City near Des Moines
14 Treat fractures
15 Lhasa — 16 Links org.
17 Flies upwards
19 Japanese soup
20 Circle of flowers
21 Highchair attire
22 See eye-to-eye
25 Newspaper feature
28 Sticky stuff
29 Sports VIPs
31 Hearing aid?
33 Literary miscellany
34 Contented murmurs
36 "That Girl" girl
37 Sand particles
40 Accolades
42 Prior to
43 Quick turn
44 Spock's captain
46 Knockout gas
49 Homer's daughter
50 Huge hairstyle
52 Muscle spasm
54 Quit flying
55 Snowball
56 EMT technique
57 Rx directive
58 Daughter of Hyperion
59 "Psst!"

DOWN
1 Delts' neighbors
2 Mild expletives
3 Dog in "Beetle Bailey"
4 Soft drink brand
5 "Um" cousins
6 — -Magnon man
7 Beach near Los Angeles
8 Refs
9 Toy building block
10 That, to Juanita
12 — Abdul-Jabbar
18 Dark brew
19 $1,000,000, slangily
21 "Baloney!"
22 Famous Khan
23 Percussion instrument
24 Hearty laugh
25 Form 1040 experts
26 Beowulf's beverage
27 Billionth, in combos
30 Barn topper
32 Hosp. personnel
35 Ride up the slope (2 wds.)
38 Make effervescent
39 Peeve
41 "Nasty!"
43 Goose eggs
44 Metric pound
45 Egyptian goddess
47 Write on metal
48 Fully mature
49 Highland youth
50 Census info
51 To's opposite
53 Weep

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GEEHD

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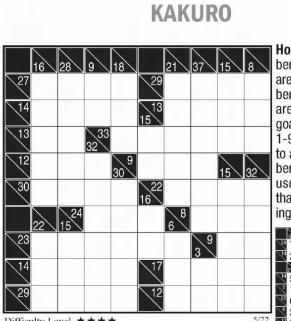
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KNIFE SPELL SMOKER TIRADE
Answer: After studying how propositions are the basis of arguments, the students — LEFT THE PREMISES

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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BRIDGE

Ceslaw Milosz, a Lithuanian-born Polish poet, wrote, "Grow your tree of falsehood from a small grain of truth."

If a defender makes a deceptive play, he runs the risk of misleading both his partner and declarer. The deceiver must be confident that partner isn't going to misdefend later.

Declarer has no such worries. He can mislead only the opponents. However, falsecarding is a complex subject.

This deal features one that is a favorite to bear fruit. How should South play in three no-trump after West leads his fourth-highest spade and East puts up the jack?

Declarer must count his top tricks first. There are seven: two spades (given the lead), one diamond and four clubs. If the diamond finesse is working, there will be overtricks available. But if it loses, maybe West will shift to a heart, which would surely be fatal to the contract. How can South dissuade West from switching majors?

The answer is to win the first trick with the spade ace! Cross to dummy with a club and take the diamond finesse. When it loses to West's king, surely he will continue with a low spade, expecting his partner to win the trick with the queen. When declarer suddenly produces that card out of his back pocket, he can enjoy the shocked expression on West's face!

Perhaps West should see through South's subterfuge because if he had only, say, ace-third of spades, he probably would have made a holdup play at trick one (but perhaps not with A-x of spades). However, in the heat of battle, West is unlikely to find the deadly defense.

North 05-22-21
♠ 7 6
♥ J 3
♦ Q J 10 7 6
♣ K Q J 9

West
♠ K 10 8 5 4
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ K 3
♣ 8 2

East
♠ J 9 2
♥ A 10 8 7 6
♦ 8 4
♣ 10 5 4

South
♠ A Q 3
♥ Q 4
♦ A 9 5 2
♣ A 7 6 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	8	1	5	3	6	2	9	7
9	3	5	4	7	2	8	6	1
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3	4	2	9	6	7	1	8	5
6	5	9	3	1	8	7	4	2
1	7	8	2	4	5	6	3	9
7	2	3	6	5	9	4	1	8
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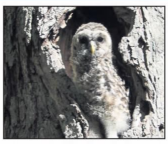

Barred owls find a home in Stevensville

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Berrien Springs's Luke Morrison and Lakeshore's Arturo Abarca work their way through the pack during the boys 160-meter at Friday's Division 2 regional.

A bigger challenge

Berrien Springs boys take second in track regional

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

STEVENSVILLE — Berrien Springs' boys track team entered Friday's Division 2 regional at Lakeshore with a string of five straight regional titles.

All of those were won in Division 3. But despite a big numbers disadvantage, the Shamrocks wanted to keep the streak going – and nearly pulled it off.

Berrien Springs finished second with a score of 91.5, trailing only Edwardsburg at 101.

"We're 478 (enrollment)," Berrien Springs coach Jon Rodriguez said. "The teams we lost to are 800-900. That's a tough obstacle, but we're up for it.

"We came in here with the same goals. We came in here to win. We expected to compete well. We just fell a little short today. I'm proud

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Lakeshore's Lynea Slayback finishes first and Allegan's Hannah Antkoviak in second during the finals of the girls 100-meter hurdles at Friday's Division 2 regional.

LEFT: Berrien Springs' Grace Constable finishes in second place behind Three Rivers' Kylin Griffin in the finals of the girls 100-meter dash. South Haven's Dayshauna Crowley finished in eighth place. **RIGHT:** Berrien Springs' Jamal Hailey wins the finals of the boys 100 meter dash.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore reaches girls tennis state finals

St. Joseph fares well in D1 track regional

By HP STAFF

Lakeshore's girls tennis team finished tied for third in Friday's Division 3 regional at Allegan with 11 points, good enough to qualify for the state finals.

Amber Mealman won the No. 4 singles flight for the Lancers, losing just five games over the course of three matches. Elina Hjelmaker was second at No. 2 singles, and the No. 2 doubles tandem of Chloe Arbanas and Marina Ferreira also placed second in its flight. Semifinalists included Hannah Pauls at No. 1 singles, Lanie Brant at No. 3 singles, the No. 3 doubles team of Laurel Holt and Cameron Holt, and the No. 4 pairing of Kaitlyn Stemm and Annabelle Adams.

St. Joseph girls, boys 4th in track regional

St. Joseph had a strong showing at Friday's Division 1 track regional at Grand Haven, placing fourth in both the boys and girls meets.

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Local basketball players among BCAM's best

By HP STAFF

Several local basketball players were chosen among "BCAM's Best" by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

The honor recognizes the top players in the state who were nominated by their BCAM member coach.

Boys players making "BCAM's Best" included Lakeshore sophomore Grant Gondrezick, who led the Lancers in scoring and helped them to a Division 2 district championship. He was joined on the Division 2 team by 6-foot-10 Buchanan senior Logan Carson. Watervliet junior Andrew Chisek was selected in Division 3.

Earning honorable mention were St. Joseph senior Brennen Kerns in Division 1, Lakeshore senior JJ Bushu in Division 2, Bridgman junior Jayce Warren and Hartford junior Kaden Johnson in Division 3, and New Buffalo junior Kaden Parmley in Division 4.

Girls selected include Buchanan sophomore Faith Carson, who led the Bucks to an unbeaten regular season and district championship in Division 2; Watervliet sophomore Samantha Dietz, who helped the Panthers to big turnaround season, in Division 3; and Lake Michigan Catholic senior Maggie Tidey in Division 4.

Honorable mention picks included Niles junior Amara Palmer in Division 2, Brandywine freshman Ellie Knapp in Division 3, and Michigan Lutheran senior Jessi Jewell and Lake Michigan Catholic junior Claire LaSata in Division 4.

Mickelson shares lead at PGA Championship

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. — The short jab with his left fist to celebrate birdies and even a few pars. A thumbs-up to the gallery. Phil Mickelson at times looked to be about the only one having fun Friday in a PGA Championship that has become the ultimate test without being extreme.

But then, what's not to enjoy?

The 50-year-old Mickelson looked like the Mickelson of old on another windswept grind around the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island, running off five birdies over his last eight holes, the last one giving him a 3-under 69 and a share of the lead.

"To know I'm playing well heading into the weekend, to be in contention, to have a good opportunity, I'm having a blast," Mickelson said.

Mickelson shared the lead with Louis Oosthuizen, the South African with the sweet swing and hard luck in getting that second major. Oosthuizen didn't make a bogey until his final hole, and his 68 allowed him to join Mickelson at 5-under 139.

It was the highest 36-hole score to lead a PGA Championship since the last time at Kiawah Island in 2012.

The opportunity for Mickelson includes his bid to become golf's oldest major champion – the record was set by 48-year-old Julius Boros in the 1968 PGA Championship – and to show he can still beat the best in the world.

Mickelson has not won on the PGA Tour in two years. His last major championship was the 2013 British Open at Muirfield. He no longer is among the top 100 in the

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Chris Carlson / AP

Phil Mickelson hits his tee shot on the seventh hole during the second round of the PGA Championship on Friday.

REGIONAL

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of our kids. They're all pretty upset, but they came here with intentions to try to win."

Otsego easily won the girls meet with a score of 103.5. Berrien Springs was fourth with a score of 63, with Lakeshore right behind in a tie for fifth at 62.

Berrien Springs was strongest in sprints, led by Jamal Hailey. The junior won the 100 (11.04) and the 200 (22.63), and ran on the winning 400 relay team with Lucas Rindfield, Marshall McFarland and James York.

"Two years ago we were very deep, and Jamal was barely making our bus as a freshman," Rodriguez said. "We didn't know what he would be, and this year he's come on a little bit. He's still a very young runner, but I think he's getting better every meet."

York also ran on the winning 800 relay team with Junyoung Chung. Jacob Haygood and Brandon Haygood. McFarland finished third in the long jump at 20-8 ¼, reaching the state qualifying distance.

Lakeshore's boys team placed sixth with 61.5 points. The Lancers were led by Cage Davison, who qualified for state with second-place finishes in the 100 (11.39) and long jump (21-10 ½).

"Cage has been good for a long time, and he's just going to get better," Lakeshore coach Gregg Buschlen said. "He gets stronger, he gets smarter, the mental aspect is unbelievable for him and he handles himself really well."

Lynea Slayback was a girls standout for Lakeshore, qualifying in three events. She won the 100 hurdles in 15.31, placed second in the long jump at 16-9 ½, and despite a stumble on the final hurdle in the 300 hurdles, still placed third in 48.41, edging under the state qualifying standard of 48.60.

Berrien Springs freshman Grace Constable had a big night, winning the 200 in 26.98 and finishing second in the 100 at 12.78.

Hosting the regional was new for Lakeshore. The event has regularly been held at Sturgis in recent seasons.

"Hosting it, I think our people did a nice job representing our school and our region well," Buschlen said.

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Lakeshore Cage Davison finishes in second place in the long jump with a jump of 21-feet-10 1/2 during Friday's Division 2 regional meet.

DIVISION 2 REGIONALS

Boys

Team scores – 1. Edwardsburg 101, 2. Berrien Springs 91.5, 3. Vicksburg 80, 4. Allegan 78, 5. Otsego 64, 6. Lakeshore 61.5, 7. Plainwell 46, 8. (tie) Paw Paw 37, Three Rivers 37, 10. Sturgis 30, 11. Hopkins 19, 12. Benton Harbor 11, 13. South Haven 4, 14. Niles 2.

Local state qualifiers

100 – 1. Jamal Hailey (BSp) 11.04, 2. Cage Davison (Lks) 11.39; 200 – 1. Jamal Hailey (BSp) 22.63; long jump – 2. Cage Davison 21-10 ½, 3. Marshall McFarland (BSp) 20-8 ¼; 400 relay – 1. Berrien Springs (Lucas Rindfield, Jamal Hailey, Marshall McFarland, James York) 43.96; 800 relay – 1. Berrien Springs (Junyoung Chung, Jacob Haygood, Brandon Haygood, James York) 1:32.45.

Girls

Team scores – 1. Otsego 106.5, 2. Three Rivers 72.5, 3. Plainwell 67.5, 4. Berrien Springs 63, 5. (tie) Lakeshore 62, Vicksburg 62, 7. Allegan 43, 8. Edwardsburg 42, 9. Sturgis 35, 10. Hopkins 28, 11. Paw Paw 27, 12. South Haven 25.5, 13. Niles 22, 14. Dowagiac 5, 15. Benton Harbor 2.

Local state qualifiers

100 – 2. Grace Constable (BSp) 12.78; 200 – 1. Grace Constable (BSp) 26.98; long jump – 2. Lynea Slayback (Lks) 16-9 ½, 3. Daniya Vinson 16-6 ½; 100 hurdles – 1. Lynea Slayback (Lks) 15.31; 300 hurdles – 3. Lynea Slayback (Lks) 48.41; high jump – 1. Marika Ruppart (Nil) 5-3; pole vault – 1. Ellie Frost (South Haven) 9-6.

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Running

Alex's Duck Duck Run: June 19 at the Margaret Upton Arboretum in St. Joseph. 5K run/walk starts at 9 a.m., cost is $25 or four for $80 before May 31. Cost after is $30. 1K Kids' Fun Run starts at 8:15, cost is $15. More information available at thealexmandarinofoundation.org.

Four on the Fourth: 9 a.m. July 5 at Eau Claire High School. 4K and 4-mile runs. Register at thedriven.net/40T4th.

Bridgman 5K Run/Walk, 10K Run, & 1.1 Mile Fun Run: July 10. In-person event with virtual option available. State guidelines on race day will be followed. Register at runsignup.com/Race/MI/Bridgman/5K10K or contact bridgman5k@bridgman-schools.com for more information.

Triathlon

Maytag IRONMAN 70.3 Steelhead Triathlon: 7 a.m. June 27 at Jean Klock Park. Includes 1.2-mile lake swim, 56-mile bike, 13.1-mile run. Helps benefit local school groups and numerous local non-profit organizations. Register at www.ironman.com/im703-steelhead. Volunteers contact im70.3steelhead@ironmanvolunteers.com. For other questions, contact Race Director Mike Ryan at Mike.Ryan@ironman.com.

Basketball

Bridgman boys basketball camp: June 14-18 at Bridgman High School. Camp will focus on FUNdamentals and a program of skill development for the offseason. Grades 3-6 meet from 9-10:30 a.m., grades 7-10 from 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is $35 and includes a T-shirt and prizes. To register, contact Mike Miller at mmiller@bridgmanschools.com.

Juneteenth basketball playoffs: June 19 at Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo. Brackets available for teens (11-16) and adults (17 and up.) Teams may have a max of eight players for a five-on-five tournament. Registration is $62.50 per individual or $500 per complete team. Optional placement games at Courthouse on May 24 and 26 and Centerpoint Church June 8 and 10. The winning team at Wings Event Center will receive a $1,000 prize. For more information, go to www.RiddlePromotions.com.

First Tee of Benton Harbor

Summer programming: At Blossom Trails and Harbor Shores, depending on program level. Session one from June 14-July 15 (week of July 4 off) and session two from July 26-Aug. 19 (no program Aug. 9-10). Cost is $55 and classes are held twice per week. Register at www.firstteebentonharbor.org or email info@tftbh.org with any questions.

St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center

Senior softball: Thursdays at 1 p.m. Captain will cancel by 11 a.m. if weather isn't good. Call the center at 429-7768 to sign up.

In-person exercise classes: Free to ages 60 or older. Schedule available online at www.sjlsc.org, or call the center at 429-7768 to sign up.

Golf Outings

Grace Christian School Scramble: June 5 at Indian Lake Hills. Check-in from 7:30-8:30 am. Registration required. Lunch, golf, prize holes and door prizes included. Contact director Ken Housh at khoush@gcspatriots.com for more information.

Adam Tilly Memorial Outing: 8 a.m. shotgun start, 7 a.m. registration July 10 at Lake Michigan Hills. Cost is $90, which includes golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Register by June 26. Contact Hans Koppenhoefer at hansk@duramold.net or Scott Merrill at smerrill3@sbcglobal.net.

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Yankees turn triple play, edge out White Sox

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Baseball Writer

Frank Franklin II / AP

The New York Yankee's Gleyber Torres runs the bases after hitting a home run, near Chicago White Sox first baseman Jose Abreu during the seventh inning of Friday's game.

NEW YORK — Gleyber Torres homered late and singled home the winning run in the ninth inning as the New York Yankees – moments after a turning a clutch triple play – beat the Chicago White Sox 2-1 Friday night following one of the most overpowering displays of starting pitching in major league history.

White Sox lefty Carlos Rodón and counterpart Jordan Montgomery combined for 24 strikeouts during the first game since 1900 in which both starters had at least 10 punchouts while permitting no walks or runs, according to Stats.

After arriving at Yankee Stadium with the American League's best record, Chicago put two runners on to open the ninth against closer Aroldis Chapman (3-0).

Prized rookie Andrew Vaughn hit a sharp grounder toward third, where Gio Urshela stepped on the bag and went around the horn to nip Vaughn and suddenly end the inning as first baseman Luke Voit make a long stretch.

Chapman, who hasn't allowed an earned run in 18 appearances this year, pumped a fist and smiled wide coming off the mound.

Judge singled leading off the bottom half against Evan Marshall (0-2), who pitched out of a major jam in the eighth by getting a line-drive double play. Judge went to second on Urshela's single and slid safely across the plate after Torres ripped a sharp single through the left side for his fifth career walkoff hit.

New York improved to a season-high seven games over .500.

Featuring a wipeout slider that tied right-handed hitters in knots as it swept across the plate, Rodón paired that 85-87 mph signature pitch with a pinpoint 97-98 mph fastball to strike out a career-high 13 in six innings of two-hit ball. He was pulled by Hall of Fame manager Tony La Russa after 95 pitches.

Rodón, nearly perfect in a no-hitter April 14 against Cleveland, is putting together a sensational breakout season. On this night, he became the first pitcher to strike out the first five Yankees batters in a road game since Dodgers great Sandy Koufax in the 1963 World Series opener, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Montgomery wasn't quite as overpowering – but just as effective. He struck out a career-best 11 and scattered four hits over seven innings, throwing 68 of 90 pitches for strikes.

Both left-handers bailed out teammates after big defensive blunders, too. Each one was coming off a rough outing – Rodón a loss to Kansas City that marked his first of the season following five straight wins.

Before a Yankee Stadium season-high crowd of 14,011 as pandemic restrictions eased, Torres homered off Michael Kopech to the short right-field porch in the seventh, a drive projected at 345 feet that would not have left any other ballpark in the majors, according to Statcast.

Chicago tied it on Nick Madrigal's check-swing RBI single in the eighth off Jonathan Loaisiga, a flare into shallow right field that ended New York's shutout streak at 29 innings.

Yoán Moncada then sent what appeared to be a base hit into right, but Judge deked Madrigal into thinking he might catch the line drive on a fly. Madrigal held up, Judge grabbed the ball on a hop and threw out Madrigal at second base for a fielder's choice.

Trainer's room

White Sox: 1B José Abreu returned to the lineup after missing three consecutive games in Minnesota with left ankle inflammation.

Yankees: CF Aaron Hicks will have surgery for a torn tendon sheath in his left wrist that will sideline him for months and possibly the rest of the season. ... OF Clint Frazier (neck) sat out his fourth straight game. He told the staff he was ready to play, but first he was scheduled to meet with team physicians before the game, manager Aaron Boone said. ... Boone said he thought LHP Zack Britton was slated to play catch Friday and then possibly throw a bullpen Sunday. If that goes well, he would probably begin a delayed rehab assignment after that. Britton felt soreness after throwing last Saturday. He's on the 60-day injured list after surgery March 15 to remove a bone chip from his pitching elbow. ... Pitching coach Matt Blake and first base coach Reggie Willits returned to the team. They had been away after testing positive for COVID-19.

Up next

RHP Gerrit Cole (5-2, 2.03 ERA) starts Saturday afternoon in the middle game of the series against Dylan Cease (2-0, 2.41), who makes his first career appearance versus the Yankees.

Cole is coming off a 5-2 loss Monday at Texas, where the $324 million ace allowed a season-high five earned runs in five innings.

His 85 strikeouts are the most by a Yankees pitcher through the first nine starts of a season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

PGA

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world.

But he's Phil Mickelson, and has spent a career leaving fans wondering what he'll do next.

"I think he has the bit between his teeth," said three-time major champion Padraig Harrington, who played alongside Mickelson for two days. "I think he believes he can do it in these conditions. He's not here to make the cut."

Mickelson is the oldest player to have a share of the 36-hole lead in a major since Fred Couples (52) at the 2012 Masters.

Brooks Koepka had a pair of eagles offset by four bogeys and scrambled for par on the 18th hole for a 1-under 71 that left him one shot behind in conditions he loves.

"It's a major, man. It's going to be tough, especially with the wind blowing," he said. "It doesn't matter, just go out and go play."

Masters champion Hideki Matsuyama dropped a shot on the 18th hole and still shot 68, leaving him in the group two shots behind.

The casualties included the top two players in the world – Dustin Johnson and Justin Thomas missed the cut – and a tee marker on the 17th that Erik van Rooyen smashed when his shot went into the water. The head also came off his club.

There were so many more examples of players having reason to lose their mind.

Cameron Tringale was two shots off the lead going to the 14th hole and 15 shots behind when he walked off the 18th green. That included a bogey, double bogey, triple bogey, quadruple bogey and quintuple bogey, not in that order. He rallied for an 82.

Shane Lowry hit one so far to the right on the par-5 16th that he was on the beach.

A picket fence in his way, he was able to get back on grass and saved par on his way to a 71.

"It's not very enjoyable out there because it's so hard, and every hole is a disaster waiting to happen," British Open champion Shane Lowry said. "So it's very stressful and there's a lot of anxiety and a lot of nerves and a lot of tension out there, but you just have to get on with it and try and hit the best shots you can, and that's all I've been doing."

Ian Poulter was 6 under for his round through 12 holes when he noticed a video board behind the green that suggested he had a shot at the course record. It's a wonder Poulter's eyes didn't pop out of his head.

"I just started laughing to myself like, 'Who in the world would write that and put that on a board with that last five holes to play?'" Poulter said.

He bogeyed four of his last six, which feature the four hardest holes on the course, for a 70.

"Every single shot you hit, you have to be focused and diligent and not take anything for granted. It's a piece of work," Paul Casey said after a 71 left him in the group three behind. "But I quite enjoy it in a sick and twisted kind of way."

Branden Grace had a bogey-free round and was in the lead at 6 under until he hit his tee shot into the water on the par-3 17th and made double bogey, and then made bogey on the closing hole for a 71. He was tied with Koepka at 3-under 141, along with Christiaan Bezuidenhout (70).

Mickelson was being interviewed on TV when Grace fell back with his double bogey, and this development immediately was conveyed to him with dramatic effect.

Lefty was not overly excited.

"If you were to tell me that Sunday night, I'd really enjoy that," Mickelson said. "But right now there's a lot of work to do. ... The fact is I'm heading into the weekend with an opportunity and I'm playing really well and I'm having a lot of fun doing it."

Only 18 players remained under par, which included U.S. Open champion Bryson DeChambeau, who looked exhausted walking off the course after a 71 that featured no birdies on the back nine. He went to the range and then said he would do a like workout with heavy weights.

Mickelson has shown glimpses in recent weeks, but he is concerned about losing focus. This had his attention. He also has a 2-wood in the bag that helps him control his accuracy, at least with the wind at his back. Mickelson missed only three fairways.

"If he can keep it straight and hit it the way that he's been hitting, he's going to be around on Sunday for sure," Jason Day said. "With Phil, you kind of get some off-the-map drives that make it very interesting, and he's kept it very, very straight over the last two days."

FINALS

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Rockford won both regional titles.

Preston Nichols won both the 100 (10.88) and 200 (22.33), with teammate Trey McGinnis finishing second in both events to also qualify for state.

The pair joined forces on the 400 relay team along with Eli Zarotney and Calebe Garey, with their time of 42.49 good enough not only to win the event, but also set a new school record.

Cole Toney won the 400 in 49.51, and teamed up with William Fiesbeck, Andrew Moyer and Alex Moyer to win the 3200 relay in 8:15.78.

Lauren Koch had the top individual performance for the Bear girls, finishing second in the 400 at 59.13.

Division 3 at Constantine

Several local athletes won their events in the Division 3 track regional at Constantine. Boys included Coloma's Cobie Bonds in the discus (135-10), Brandywine's Caleb Byrd in the high jump (6-0), and Bridgman's Luke Blesy in the 800 (2:04.11).

Girls winners were Watervliet's Kyah Sexton in the discus (93-2), Hartford's Nautica Covington in the shot put (34-4 ½), and Buchanan's Lauren Strefling in the long jump (15-7 ½).

Division 4 at New Buffalo

Local girls regional champions included Lake Michigan Catholic's Allison Glendening in the 3200 (13:00.40) and Countryside's Carolyn Deneau in the 300 hurdles (54.37).

Softball

First game

LAKESHORE 2, PENN 0

Penn	000	000	0	—	0 2 1
Lakeshore	100	100	x	—	2 8 0

WP – Gianna Kerschbaum 2-hitter, 5k. LP – A. Kois.

Top hitters – Lakeshore: Gianna Kerschbaum 2 1b Anna Chellman 2 1b Natalie Spenner 2 1b Reneigh Sandmann 2 1b.

Second game

LAKESHORE 2, PENN 1

Penn	000	000	1	—	1 4 3
Lakeshore	101	000	x	—	2 5 2

WP – Avery Arwood 5k. LP – M. Ramirez.

Top hitters – Penn: D. Reed 2b P. Fuelling 2b. Lakeshore: Hannah Stankiewicz 2b. Records – Lakeshore 31-1.

First game

LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 19, EAU CLAIRE 1

Eau Claire	111	1	—	4	3 5
Catholic	295	3	—	19	7 5

WP – Jenna Cutter 5k. LP – Kayla Ferry.

Top hitters – Eau Claire: Ali Ferry 1b, RBI Emilee Demski 1b Kenya Perez-Fernandez 1b. Catholic: J. Wilcox 1b C. Robinson 1b J. Vanderwarker 1b.

Second game

LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 16, EAU CLAIRE 1

Eau Claire	100	—	1	2	5
Catholic	385	—	16	14	1

WP – Jenna Cutter. LP – Michelle Fortuna.

Top hitters – Eau Claire: Ruby Salmeron 2b Ali Ferry 2 1b. Catholic: T. Mays 2 1b J. Gonzalez 2 1b H. Hysell 3 1b H. Goreczy 2 1b J. Vanderwarker 2 1b.

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SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAY-IN
(Winner plays Utah)
Friday, May 21
Memphis at Golden State, 9 p.m.
FIRST ROUND
Saturday, May 22
Miami at Milwaukee, 2 p.m. ESPN
Dallas at LA Clippers, 4:30 p.m.
Boston at Brooklyn, 8 p.m. ABC
Portland at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 23
Washington at Phila., 1 p.m. TNT
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 3:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7 p.m. TNT
GSW/MEM at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Monday, May 24
Miami at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 10 p.m. TNT
Tuesday, May 25
Boston at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 10 p.m. TNT
Dallas at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26
Washington at Phila., 7 p.m. NBA TV
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
GSW/MEM at Utah, 10 p.m. TNT

NHL

FIRST ROUND
Thursday, May 20
Florida 6, Tampa Bay 5, OT, Tampa Bay leads series 2-1
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Islanders 4, Pittsburgh leads series 2-1
Montreal 2, Toronto 1, Montreal leads series 1-0
Vegas 5, Minnesota 2, Vegas leads series 2-1
Friday, May 21
Boston 4, Washington 1
Carolina at Nashville
Winnipeg at Edmonton
Colorado at St. Louis
Saturday, May 22
Florida at Tampa Bay, 12:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 3 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 23
Carolina at Nashville, 2:30 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 24
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 9:45 p.m.
Minnesota at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

MLB

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	26	18	.609	—
New York	26	19	.578	1½
Tampa Bay	26	19	.578	1½
Toronto	23	19	.548	3
Baltimore	17	27	.386	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	26	17	.605	—
Cleveland	23	19	.548	2½
Kansas City	20	22	.476	5½
Detroit	17	26	.395	9
Minnesota	16	28	.364	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	26	18	.591	—
Oakland	26	19	.578	½
Seattle	21	23	.477	5
Los Angeles	19	25	.432	7
Texas	19	27	.413	8

Thursday's Games
Tampa Bay 10, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees 2, Texas 0
L.A. Angels 7, Minnesota 1, 7 innings, 1st game
Houston 8, Oakland 4
Minnesota 6, L.A. Angels 3, 7 innings, 2nd game
Boston 8, Toronto 7

Friday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Washington 4, Baltimore 2
Minnesota 10, Cleveland 0
Boston 11, Philadelphia 3
Tampa Bay at Toronto
Houston at Texas
Detroit at Kansas City
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Seattle at San Diego

Saturday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Cease 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 5-2), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Zimmermann 2-3) at Washington (Lester 0-2), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (McCullers Jr. 3-1) at Texas (Lyles 2-3), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Boyd 2-4) at Kansas City (Singer 1-3), 4:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Maeda 2-2) at Cleveland (Bieber 4-3), 4:10 p.m.
Boston (Eovaldi 4-2) at Philadelphia (Howard 0-0), 7:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (McClanahan 1-0) at Toronto (Ray 2-1), 7:37 p.m.
Seattle (Sheffield 3-3) at San Diego (Weathers 2-1), 8:40 p.m.
Oakland (Bassitt 3-2) at L.A. Angels (Sundy 0-5), 10:07 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Baltimore at Washington, 1:05 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.
Detroit at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 2:35 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 4:07 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	20	17	.541	—
Philadelphia	22	23	.489	2
Atlanta	21	24	.467	3
Miami	20	23	.465	3
Washington	18	23	.439	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	25	18	.581	—
Chicago	22	21	.512	3
Milwaukee	21	23	.477	4½
Cincinnati	20	23	.465	5
Pittsburgh	18	26	.409	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	28	16	.636	—
San Diego	27	17	.614	1
Los Angeles	26	18	.591	2
Arizona	18	27	.400	10½
Colorado	15	29	.341	13

Thursday's Games
San Francisco 19, Cincinnati 4
Chicago Cubs 5, Washington 2
Miami 6, Philadelphia 0
Pittsburgh 6, Atlanta 4, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 3, Arizona 2

Friday's Games
Washington 4, Baltimore 2
Atlanta 20, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 4
Boston 11, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Mets at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis
Arizona at Colorado
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco
Seattle at San Diego

Saturday's Games
Arizona (Gumgarner 4-3) at Colorado (Senzatela 1-4), 3:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Zimmermann 2-3) at Washington (Lester 0-2), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 2-3) at Cincinnati (Gray 0-3), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (TBD) at Miami (López 1-3), 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Keller 2-5) at Atlanta (TBD), 4:10 p.m.
Boston (Eovaldi 4-2) at Philadelphia (Howard 0-0), 7:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Alzolay 2-3) at St. Louis (Mikolas 0-0), 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 2-0) at San Francisco (TBD), 7:15 p.m.
Seattle (Sheffield 3-3) at San Diego (Weathers 2-1), 8:40 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Baltimore at Washington, 1:05 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Miami, 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 1:20 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 7:08 p.m.

GOLF

PGA Championship Par Scores
Friday
At Kiawah Island Ocean Course
Kiawah Island, S.C.
Purse: $8.1 million
Yardage: 7,876; Par: 72
Second Round

Phil Mickelson 70-69—139 -5
Louis Oosthuizen 71-68—139 -5
Brooks Koepka 69-71—140 -4
Branden Grace 70-71—141 -3
Christiaan Bezuidenhout 71-70—141 -3
Hideki Matsuyama 73-68—141 -3
Corey Conners 67-75—142 -2
Gary Woodland 70-72—142 -2
Kevin Streelman 70-72—142 -2
Sungjae Im 70-72—142 -2
Paul Casey 71-71—142 -2
Richy Werenski 71-72—143 -1
Joaquin Niemann 71-72—143 -1
Harry Higgs 72-71—143 -1
Martin Laird 70-73—143 -1
Jason Kokrak 71-72—143 -1
Bryson DeChambeau 72-71—143 -1
Charley Hoffman 73-70—143 -1
Matt Fitzpatrick 73-71—144 E
Padraig Harrington 71-73—144 E
Ian Poulter 74-70—144 E
Shane Lowry 73-71—144 E
Keegan Bradley 69-75—144 E
Viktor Hovland 69-75—144 E
Daniel van Tonder 75-70—145 +1
Cameron Smith 72-73—145 +1
Will Zalatoris 71-74—145 +1
Bubba Watson 72-73—145 +1
Lee Westwood 73-72—145 +1
Tom Lewis 71-74—145 +1
Collin Morikawa 70-75—145 +1
Abraham Ancer 74-72—146 +2
Tony Finau 74-72—146 +2
Patrick Cantlay 73-73—146 +2
Tyrrell Hatton 71-75—146 +2
Scottie Scheffler 72-74—146 +2
Matt Wallace 73-73—146 +2
Brad Marek 73-73—146 +2
Rasmus Højgaard 71-76—147 +3
Jon Rahm 72-75—147 +3
Carlos Ortiz 73-74—147 +3
Justin Rose 72-75—147 +3
Steve Stricker 76-71—147 +3
Cam Davis 69-78—147 +3
Joel Dahmen 74-73—147 +3
Rickie Fowler 71-76—147 +3
Jimmy Walker 73-74—147 +3
Stewart Cink 71-76—147 +3
Rory McIlroy 75-72—147 +3
Adam Hadwin 77-71—148 +4
Russell Henley 78-70—148 +4
Daniel Berger 79-69—148 +4
Jordan Spieth 73-75—148 +4
Lucas Herbert 76-72—148 +4
Dean Burmester 74-74—148 +4
Matt Jones 73-75—148 +4
Byeong Hun An 73-75—148 +4
Robert MacIntyre 75-73—148 +4
Danny Willett 77-71—148 +4
Jason Scrivener 73-75—148 +4
Brian Gay 77-71—148 +4
Aaron Wise 69-79—148 +4
Robert Streb 77-72—149 +5
Wyndham Clark 75-74—149 +5
Sam Horsfield 69-80—149 +5
Jason Day 74-75—149 +5
Patrick Reed 74-75—149 +5
Billy Horschel 77-72—149 +5
Webb Simpson 75-74—149 +5
Ben Cook 72-77—149 +5
Talor Gooch 71-78—149 +5
Brendan Steele 75-74—149 +5
Harold Varner III 73-76—149 +5
Garrick Higgo 73-76—149 +5
Tom Hoge 74-75—149 +5
Henrik Stenson 73-76—149 +5
Harris English 75-74—149 +5
Alex Noren 77-72—149 +5
Emiliano Grillo 77-72—149 +5
Chan Kim 75-74—149 +5
Denny McCarthy 73-76—149 +5

The following players failed to make the cut.

Andy Sullivan 73-77—150 +6
Brian Harman 75-75—150 +6
Antoine Rozner 79-71—150 +6
Chez Reavie 77-73—150 +6
Dustin Johnson 76-74—150 +6
Sergio Garcia 77-73—150 +6
Victor Perez 78-72—150 +6
Mackenzie Hughes 75-75—150 +6
Marc Leishman 74-76—150 +6
Adam Scott 78-72—150 +6
Xander Schauffele 73-77—150 +6
Justin Thomas 75-75—150 +6
Peter Malnati 78-72—150 +6
Si Woo Kim 75-76—151 +7
Sebastian Munoz 77-74—151 +7
Rich Beem 74-77—151 +7
Tommy Fleetwood 75-76—151 +7
Maverick McNealy 78-73—151 +7
Brendon Todd 74-77—151 +7
Thomas Detry 76-75—151 +7
Danny Balin 79-72—152 +8
Chris Kirk 76-76—152 +8
Cameron Tringale 70-82—152 +8
Dylan Frittelli 73-79—152 +8
Jason Dufner 71-81—152 +8
Zach Johnson 74-78—152 +8
Ryan Palmer 74-78—152 +8
Martin Kaymer 75-77—152 +8
Lanto Griffin 74-78—152 +8
Jim Herman 78-75—153 +9
J.T. Poston 75-78—153 +9
Greg Koch 76-77—153 +9
Bernd Wiesberger 78-75—153 +9
Hudson Swafford 77-76—153 +9
Erik van Rooyen 72-81—153 +9
Kurt Kitayama 77-77—154 +10
Sami Valimaki 78-76—154 +10
Max Homa 78-76—154 +10
Matt Kuchar 77-77—154 +10
Adam Long 72-82—154 +10
George Coetzee 75-79—154 +10
John Catlin 75-79—154 +10
Kevin Kisner 77-77—154 +10
Brett Walker 77-77—154 +10
Kalle Samooja 74-80—154 +10
Pete Bailo 80-75—155 +11
K.H. Lee 78-77—155 +11
Charl Schwartzel 76-79—155 +11
Tim Pearce 79-77—156 +12
Aaron Rai 81-75—156 +12
Ben Polland 76-80—156 +12
Mark Geddes 75-81—156 +12
Jazz Janewattananond 77-80—157 +13
Rob Labritz 76-81—157 +13
Brandon Hagy 77-80—157 +13
Kevin Na 79-78—157 +13
Cameron Champ 82-77—159 +15
Stuart Smith 82-77—159 +15
Rikuya Hoshino 76-83—159 +15
Thomas Pieters 76-84—160 +16
Alex Beach 75-86—161 +17
Shaun Micheel 81-80—161 +17
Brandon Stone 78-83—161 +17
Takumi Kanaya 75-86—161 +17
Patrick Rada 76-86—162 +18
Sonny Skinner 85-78—163 +19
Larkin Gross 80-84—164 +20
Frank Bensel, Jr. 86-79—165 +21
Joe Summerhays 81-84—165 +21
Omar Uresti 82-83—165 +21
Derek Holmes 79-86—165 +21
Tyler Collet 88-82—170 +26
John Daly 85-86—171 +27

Money&Markets Extra

Housing market bellwether

The Commerce Department issues its April tally of new U.S. home sales Tuesday.

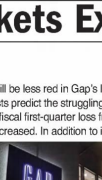
Economists expect the pace of sales slowed last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 955,000 homes. That follows a 20.7% surge in March that lifted the sales pace to the highest level since 2006, the peak of that decade's housing boom. While builders are enjoying strong demand amid a dearth of existing homes on the market, they're grappling with rising construction costs and supply chain issues.

New home sales
seasonally adjusted annual rate

Source: FactSet

A little less red

Wall Street expects there will be less red in Gap's latest quarterly report card.Analysts predict the struggling clothing chain narrowed its fiscal first-quarter loss from a year earlier as revenue increased. In addition to it namesake chain Gap also operates Old Navy, Banana Republic and Athleta stores, and has been trying to reinvest itself in a retail landscape that's increasingly driven by online shopping. Gap serves up its latest results Thursday.

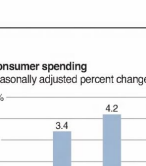


In a spending mood

The Commerce Department reports its monthly snapshot of U.S. consumer spending Friday.

Economists project that spending rose 0.4% in April, a sharp pullback after climbing 4.2% the previous month. The March surge was the biggest in nine months, and came as billions of dollars in government support payments went out to millions of Americans. U.S. consumers account for 70% of economic activity, so the more they spend, the more the economy grows.

Consumer spending
seasonally adjusted percent change



Source: FactSet

Week Ahead

Amer Elec Power AEP
$86.65 - 11 -1%
▼ 4-wk. -12% ▲ YTD +4.11%

Ford Motor F
$13.33 +1.49 +12.6%
▲ 4-wk. +9.1% ▲ YTD +51.6%

Whirlpool WHR
$236.86 -8.46 -3.4%
▼ 4-wk. -9% ▲ YTD +31.2%

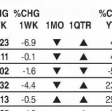
StocksofLocalInterest

STOCK	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LOW	52-WK RANGE HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	1MO	1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	26.35	33.88	30.01	-2.23	-6.9	▼	▲	4.3	7.2	20	6.9
Amer Elec Power	AEP	74.80	94.21	86.65	-0.11	-0.1	▼	▲	4.1	15.2	20	3.4
Apple Inc	AAPL	77.58	145.09	125.43	-2.02	-1.6	▼	▼	-5.5	60.3	34	0.7
AutoZone Inc	AZO	1074.45	1542.30	1460.26	-67.32	-4.4	▼	▲	23.2	32.8	19	...
BP PLC	BP	14.74	28.57	26.52	-0.13	-0.5	▲	▲	29.2	19.8	...	9.3
CMS Engy	CMS	53.19	67.98	64.15	0.65	1.0	—	▲	5.1	17.4	21	2.7
CocaCola Co	KO	43.51	55.50	54.62	-0.11	-0.2	▲	▲	-0.4	25.3	31	3.1
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	36.83	59.11	55.08	-3.60	-6.1	▲	▲	5.1	44.4	26	1.8
Deere Co	DE	130.51	400.34	359.75	-24.25	-6.3	▼	▲	33.7	165.6	35	1.0
Disney	DIS	108.02	203.02	172.40	-1.30	-0.7	▼	▼	-4.8	48.0	...	1.0
Dollar Tree Stores	DLTR	76.88	120.37	108.58	-2.65	-2.4	▼	▲	0.5	36.0	14	...
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	31.11	64.02	58.92	-1.85	-3.0	▲	▲	42.9	42.2	76	5.9
Fifth Third Bcp	FITB	16.88	43.06	41.92	-0.72	-1.7	▲	▲	52.0	151.2	15	2.6
1st Source Corp	SRCE	28.72	50.38	48.87	-0.17	-0.3	▲	▲	21.3	66.6	...	2.5
Ford Motor	F	5.12	13.62	13.33	1.49	12.6	▲	▲	51.6	128.5	13	...
Gen Electric	GE	5.74	14.42	13.23	-0.03	-0.2	▼	▲	22.5	111.4	38	0.3
Home Depot	HD	234.31	345.69	315.77	-7.86	-2.4	▼	▲	18.9	34.7	26	2.1
Horizon Bcp IN	HBNC	9.00	20.17	18.39	-0.06	-0.3	▼	▲	16.0	105.6	12	2.6
Huntgtn Bancshs	HBAN	7.86	16.91	15.74	-0.11	-0.7	▲	▲	24.6	106.0	15	3.8
IDEX Corp	IEX	145.85	235.76	219.96	-3.86	-1.7	▼	▲	10.4	44.8	46	0.9
IBM	IBM	105.92	148.74	144.74	0.06	0.0	▲	▲	15.0	24.5	23	4.5
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	87.88	165.50	162.66	-1.35	-0.8	▲	▲	28.0	85.8	12	2.2
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	133.65	173.65	170.96	0.74	0.4	▲	▲	8.6	16.8	31	2.5
Lowes Cos	LOW	115.45	215.22	192.47	-6.44	-3.2	▼	▲	19.9	65.2	43	1.1
McDonalds Corp	MCD	178.07	238.18	231.24	-0.48	-0.2	▼	▲	7.8	31.0	34	2.2
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	176.60	263.19	245.17	-2.42	-1.0	▼	▲	10.2	33.9	33	0.9
Miller Herman	MLHR	20.56	46.78	45.18	-0.53	-1.2	▲	▲	33.7	105.5	...	1.9
Perrigo Co plc	PRGO	38.20	58.83	45.80	-0.06	-0.1	▲	▲	2.4	-17.3	...	2.0
Pfizer Inc	PFE	31.61	43.08	39.95	-0.07	-0.2	▲	▲	8.5	15.9	20	3.9
Procter & Gamble	PG	111.43	146.92	138.00	-0.01	0.0	▲	▲	-0.8	24.4	25	2.5
Republic Svcs	RSG	78.22	113.28	109.50	-1.60	-1.4	▲	▲	13.7	35.6	34	1.6
Steelcase Inc	SCS	9.47	16.85	14.38	-0.04	-0.3	▲	▲	6.1	35.6	20	2.8
Stryker Corp	SYK	171.75	268.04	255.65	2.70	1.1	▼	▲	4.3	35.5	61	1.0
TCF Financial Corp	TCF	21.81	50.13	46.93	-0.42	-0.9	▲	▲	26.8	91.3	25	3.0
Target Corp	TGT	114.23	222.80	225.09	14.61	6.9	▲	▲	27.5	80.0	30	1.2
Tractor Supply	TSCO	107.01	200.75	183.34	-4.02	-2.1	▼	▲	30.4	67.1	49	1.1
UPS class B	UPS	93.06	219.59	211.87	-3.49	-1.6	▲	▲	25.8	126.5	>99	1.9
Verizon Comm	VZ	52.85	61.95	56.91	-1.78	-3.0	▼	▲	-3.1	9.3	13	4.4
WEC Energy Group	WEC	80.55	106.85	96.22	0.02	0.0	▼	▲	4.6	12.5	24	2.8
WalMart Strs	WMT	117.01	153.66	141.75	2.23	1.6	▲	▲	-1.7	15.3	81	1.6
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	33.36	57.05	54.88	0.64	1.2	▲	▲	37.6	41.3	...	3.4
Wendys Co	WEN	18.86	24.91	23.59	0.19	0.8	▲	▲	7.6	18.4	51	1.5
Whirlpool	WHR	112.25	257.68	236.86	-8.46	-3.4	▼	▲	31.2	104.8	14	2.4
Worthington Inds	WOR	25.71	75.45	65.47	-2.63	-3.9	▼	▲	27.5	155.9	6	1.5
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	67.74	149.89	142.46	-3.59	-2.5	▲	▲	19.5	107.2	86	...

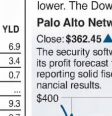
Notes on data: Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters.

StorySStocks

While Street reacked up more losses Friday on a choppy day of trading that left the major indexes mixed and the S&P 500 with its second straight weekly decline. The S&P 500 closed slightly lower. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose while the tech-heavy Nasdaq slipped. Gains for banks and health care companies were kept in check by drops in technology stocks and in companies like McDonald's and Amazon.com that rely directly on consumer spending.

Palo Alto Networks PANW
Close:$362.45▲19.86 or 5.8%
The security software maker raised its profit forecast for the year after reporting solid fiscal third-quarter financial results.


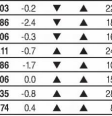
$217.48 $403.00
Vol.:3.7m (3.4x avg.) PE:...
Mkt. Cap:$35.3 b Yield:...

Home Depot HD
Close:$315.77▼-0.13 or 0.0%
The home-improvement retailer announced a $20 billion stock buyback program.


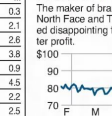
$234.31 $345.69
Vol.:3.9m (0.8x avg.) PE:26.5
Mkt. Cap:$339.5 b Yield:2.1%

Deere & Co. DE
Close:$359.75▲4.53 or 1.3%
The agricultural equipment maker reported strong fiscal second-quarter profit and revenue.

$138.76 $400.34
Vol.:3.6m (2.1x avg.) PE:41.4
Mkt. Cap:$112.8 b Yield:1.0%

V.F. VFC
Close:$77.24▼-7.58 or -8.9%
The maker of brands such as Vans, North Face and Timberland reported disappointing fiscal fourth-quarter profit.


$54.46 $90.79
Vol.:11.1m (4.3x avg.) PE:45.4
Mkt. Cap:$30.3 b Yield:2.5%
SOURCE: FIS

Deckers Outdoor DECK
Close:$335.76▲24.54 or 7.9%
The maker of Ugg footwear beat Wall Street's fiscal fourth-quarter profit and revenue forecasts.


$175.00 $353.70
Vol.:1.1m (4.3x avg.) PE:34.9
Mkt. Cap:$9.5 b Yield:...

Foot Locker FL
Close:$60.87▲1.17 or 2.0%
The shoe store's first-quarter earnings and revenue beat Wall Street forecasts.

$25.23 $66.71
Vol.:3.6m (2.2x avg.) PE:13.5
Mkt. Cap:$6.3 b Yield:1.3%
AP

Company
Spotlight
Shoe-in for profits

Deckers Outdoors had its biggest gain in a year Friday after the maker of Ugg boots reported sales that raced past Wall Street expectations.

California-based Decker, which also owns Teva sandals and other footwear and accessory brands aimed at outdoors enthusiasts, earned $1.18 per share in the period, easily beating Wall Street targets of 73 cents per share.

Decker said sales were up nearly 50% over the same period last year, when pandemic shutdowns were peaking. Even so, sales for this fiscal year were up nearly 20% from 2020, to $2.5 billion.

"Fiscal 2021 was an exceptional year for Deckers, led by global growth of the Hoka brand, and broad-based demand for the head-to-toe assortment of Ugg brand products," said CEO Dave Powers.

Deckers jumped 7.9% to close at $335.76.

Deckers Outdoor (DECK)	Friday's close: $335.76, +24.54
52-WEEK RANGE	Price-earnings ratio: 26
$159 $354	(Based on past 12-month results)

Fund target represents weighted average of stock holdings
Represents 75% of fund's stock holdings

Total return	1-yr	3-yrs*	5-yrs*
DECK	99.8%	46.4	46.1
Market cap: $8.8 billion			

*annualized

Source: FactSet

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MutualFunds

MutualFundCategories

		PERCENT RETURN 1YR	3YR	5YR
LARGE-CAP	YTD	17.7 LV	12.0 LB	4.8 LG
	1YR	49.8	44.0	40.5
	3YR	11.2	15.4	20.0
	5YR	12.5	15.8	20.6
MID-CAP	YTD	21.4 MV	14.4 MV	3.1 MG
	1YR	64.2	57.1	47.4
	3YR	10.6	12.9	19.5
	5YR	12.0	14.1	19.8
SMALL-CAP	YTD	26.8 SV	17.6 SB	5.0 SG
	1YR	83.9	67.0	55.7
	3YR	9.4	10.7	17.8
	5YR	12.7	14.1	20.3

Morningstar Ownership Zone™

FundFocus

The "specialized experience" of this fund's "star manager," Tony Kim, gives it an edge, Morningstar says. He's led the fund since 2013 and has covered the tech sector for more than 20 years.

BlackRock Technology Opportunities (BGSAX)

	VALUE	BLEND	GROWTH
LARGE-CAP			
MID-CAP			
SMALL-CAP			

CATEGORY: TECHNOLOGY

MORNINGSTAR RATING™	★★★★★
ASSETS	$2,634 million
EXP RATIO	1.17%
MIN. INIT. INVEST.	$1,000
PERCENT LOAD	5.25

HISTORICAL RETURNS

	Return/Rank
YEAR-TO-DATE	-4.2
1-YEAR	+54.1/8
3-YEAR	+31.9/A
5-YEAR	+34.9/A

3 and 5-year returns are annualized.
Rank: Fund's letter grade compared with others in the same group; an A indicates fund performance in the top 20 percent; an E, in the bottom 20 percent.

FUND	NAV	WK 12-MO CHG %RTN
A		
DiversMunicipal	14.86	+5.9
GlbBdAdv	8.46	+.01 +6.1
LgCpGrAdv	88.74	+44 +36.2
AMG		
Yacktman	24.02	-.14 +52.1
Akre		
FocInstl d	59.39	-.25 +28.6
FocRetail m	57.69	-.25 +28.3
American Century		
EqInc	9.90	-.03 +30.7
GrInv	48.55	+.13 +36.0
HeritageInv	25.88	+.24 +44.2
NTDiversBdIG	11.17	+.01 +12
UltraInv	78.41	+.02 +44.6
American Funds		
AMCpA m	42.33	+.06 +36.3
AmcnBalA m	32.46	-.05 +25.0
AmcnInfmkA m	10.41	+.02 +22.1
AmcnMutA m	50.30	-.35 +33.7
BdAmerA m	13.42	+.01 +1.5
CpWldGrInc m	64.12	+.20 +41.4
CptlIncBldrA m	68.59	-.03 +27.9
CptlWldBdA m	20.85	+.05 +6.9
EuroPacGrA m	71.79	+1.23 +49.1
FdmtlInvsA m	76.64	+42.6
GlbBalA m	38.99	+.07 +24.4
GrAmerA m	70.76	+.09 +42.9
HIncMunBdA m	16.84	+.04 +14.8
IncAmerA m	25.94	-.04 +31.5
IntlGrInc m	41.81	+.25 +48.5
IntrBdAmerA m	13.65	+.01 +3.2
InvCAmerA m	49.30	-.30 +38.5
NwWrldA m	92.60	+1.60 +49.2
SmCpWrldA m	64.20	+.38 +50.0
STBdAmerA m	10.07	+.0
SmCpWldA m	84.61	+1.33 +55.1
TheNewEcoA m	61.13	+.59 +40.8
TxExBdA m	13.66	+.01 +6.5
WAMutInvsA m	57.31	-.33 +49.0
Angel Oak		
MtStrctrlncIns	10.41	+.01 +9.2
Artisan		
IntlInstl	36.75	+.22 +31.5
IntlValueInstl	45.89	+.33 +60.9
Baird		
AggregateBdInstl	11.40	+.01 +1.1
CorPlusBdInstl	11.78	+.01 +2.5
IntermBdInstl	11.50	+.01 +2.2
ShrTrmBdInstl	9.89	+.2
Baron		
EmMktsInstl	19.35	+.24 +56.9
GrInstl	112.82	-.75 +47.2
BlackRock		
EqDivInstl	23.96	-.11 +47.8
EqDivInvA m	23.87	-.10 +47.5
GlbAlcInclnstl	22.89	+.04 +32.2
GlbAlcInclnvA m	22.70	+.04 +31.9
HYBdInst	7.81	-.01 +16.9
HYBdK	7.82	-.01 +16.9
HYBndOpIIns	81.84	+1.07 +23.4
LowDurBdInst	10.76	-.01 +4.0
MidCpGrEqInst	44.70	+.48 +41.9
NyMBdInstl	11.42	+.01 +7.4
StrInc Opins	10.35	+.10.1
StrsMuOpIns	11.90	+.02 +12.5
TechOppsInst	82.51	+1.26 +43.5
TIRetInst	11.88	+.01 +3.3
Calamos		
MktNeuIncInstns	14.17	... +8.0
Causeway		
IntlValInst	18.18	-.02 +58.7
ClearBridge		
AggressiveGrA m	188.18	-.19 +38.9
AppreciA m	39.91	-.26 +40.5
LgCpGrI	71.08	+.24 +36.8
Cohen & Steers		
InstlRlEst	50.14	+.27 +22.4
PrtfolSclncInst	14.36	+.03 +14.4
RlEstSecInc Ins	18.79	+.13 +45.1
Rlty	70.66	+.49 +41.7
Columbia		
CoreCrnrsIns	34.29	-.11 +45.8
DivIncIns	29.35	-.13 +40.4
SlgCmsInfnA m	117.99	+1.85 +70.5
DFA		
EMktCorEqI	26.00	+.15 +53.1
EMktSCInstl	25.74	+.21 +58.9
EmMktsInstl	34.59	+.22 +49.8
EmMktsVa9Inst	32.01	+.05 +51.8
GlbExUSCrEqIns	10.92	+.10
GlbEqInstl	31.19	-.11 +53.3
GlbRlEstSec	12.14	+.09 +38.3
IntlPrmSclns	13.31	-.07 +47.4
IntlCorEqIns	16.34	+.08 +52.1
IntlRlEstSclns	4.90	+.03 +40.0
IntlSmCoInst	22.65	+.17 +56.6
IntlSmCpVaIIns	22.11	+.04 +58.5
IntlValInst	19.87	-.03 +60.5
ImGovFIIns	12.86	+.01 -3.7
LgCpIntlInst	27.60	+.15 +45.8
OneYearFIInst	10.02	+.0
RlEstSecInst	43.32	+.38 +37.7
ShTrmExcAyl	11.01	+.1.8
TAUSCorEqDfInst	26.28	-.21 +54.2
TMDUSEq	45.15	+.19 +46.2
TMUSIMicwDfl	38.43	-.43 +54.2
TMUSITrgtedVal	43.85	-.78 +68.3
TMYGBFIns	9.85	+.01 +6.0
USCorEqI Instl	33.73	-.24 +50.2
USCorEqIIInstl	31.05	-.25 +53.4
USLgCo	31.22	-.12 +43.3
USLgCoPlusInst	45.59	-.56 +56.9
USMicroCpInst	28.59	-.17 +60.2
USSmCpInst	46.83	-.50 +74.8
USSmCpValInst	45.39	-.60 +72.2
USTrgtSocIIIIns	31.04	-.47 +96.4
USVectorEqInst	25.17	-.29 +68.9
IntlStInv	3.50	+.61 +46.8
IntlCp	19.01	+.17 +38.5
IntlSclndInstPrm	49.69	+.31 +43.1
IntlVal	11.41	-.01 +54.3
IntrmMuniInc	10.86	+.01 +5.4
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InvmGradeBd	8.32	+.1.7
LargeCapValIdx	15.48	-.11 +49.3
LgCpValEmMkt	18.60	-.14 +52.8
LowPrStk	58.23	-.63 +60.7
LowPrStkAl	58.17	-.63 +60.9
Magellan	12.99	... +32.7
MichiganMuniInv	12.76	+.02 +4.7
MidCapStock	44.87	+.46 +63.6
OTCPortfolio	169.52	+.56 +46.0
OTCPortfolio	18.51	+.09 +48.0
OTCPortfolioK	16.85	+.09 +48.1
Overseas	84.63	+1.01 +41.6
Puritan	28.06	-.10 +31.5
PuritanK	28.03	-.11 +31.6
RealEstInv	45.82	+.45 +36.1
SmCpOpps	17.89	-.16 +56.6
StkSelectAllCp	62.94	-.21 +74.4
TotalBond	11.04	+.01 +4.0
TRMidIdxInsPrm	119.25	-.32 +46.8
USBdIdxInsPrm	12.03	+.01 -0.7
Value	15.22	-.21 +90.3
Fidelity Advisor		
GrowthOppsI	159.31	+3.18 +59.2
NewInsA m	39.46	+.09 +37.7
NewInsI	39.71	+.10 +38.0
StgInc	12.78	... +12.6
StgIncI	12.79	... +12.6
TotalBondI	11.02	+.4.0
Fidelity Select		
Biotechnology	21.11	+.14 +14.0
HealthCare	32.08	+.48 +24.3
MedTechDevcs	73.12	+.92 +36.6
Semicon	16.88	+.53 +65.2
SvrsATTSvcs	28.02	+.15 +38.7
Technology	25.74	+.34 +52.3
First Eagle		
GlbA m	68.00	+.08 +35.7
Franklin Templeton		
CATxFrInsA1 m	7.79	+.01 +6.0
DynaTechA m	137.46	+2.75 +39.2
DynaTechR6	144.31	+2.90 +39.7
FdrTFIncA1 m	12.33	+.02 +6.7
GlbBdAdv	9.31	-.10 -2.4
GrAm m	12.62	-.13 +37.7
IncA1 m	2.52	-.01 +31.6
IncAdv	2.50	+32.0
IncC m	2.56	-.01 +30.9
MuGABDIAdvA m	32.71	-.01 +31.6
MuniZ	29.94	-.08 +48.2
RisingDivsA m	88.12	-.38 +40.8
RSP		
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Harbor		
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Harding Loevner		
IntlEqInstl	29.80	+.23 +45.8
Hartford		
CptlApprecA m	45.93	-.12 +41.4
MidCpI	37.58	+.09 +47.8
INVESCO		
ComStkA m	30.07	-.20 +63.9
DivIncA m	26.41	+.29 +54.9
DivMktsA m	56.37	+.46 +52.6
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DivrsDivA	22.89	+.17 +46.8
EqandIncA m	12.29	-.07 +41.3
GlbA m	122.32	+1.37 +48.1
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Ivy		
SciAndTechA m	92.65	+.63 +44.7
JPMorgan		
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LCapGrA m	60.34	-.11 +42.5
LCapGrI	61.61	-.10 +42.9
MCpValIL	43.39	-.64 +62.3
ShDurBdR6	11.16	+.2.9
Janus Henderson		
BalancedT	42.89	-.12 +25.0
EnterpriseT	167.87	-.25 +45.0
Jensen		
QualGrJ	59.76	-.19 +37.9
John Hancock		
Bdl	16.29	... +4.7
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DiscpValMCI	28.23	-.31 +60.1
IntlGrI	39.74	+.60 +46.0
MltMgLdBA b	16.30	+.01 +31.8
MltngLrgGrI b	17.23	+.02 +40.8
Lazard		
GlbListFxdIns	15.82	-.06 +15.6
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Loomis Sayles		
BdInstl	13.50	... +12.1
GrY	24.79	+.09 +36.8
Lord Abbett		
AffiliatedA m	17.43	-.20 +42.1
BdDebA m	8.43	-.01 +16.5
BdDebF b	8.42	-.01 +16.6
ShrtDurIncA m	4.21	... +6.2
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MFS		
GrA m	157.99	+.63 +32.8
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MAInvsGrStkA m	40.86	+.10 +42.4
MAInvsTrustA m	40.41	+.04 +42.1
TRetA m	22.15	-.10 +28.9
ValA m	51.61	-.37 +42.5
Vall	51.93	-.37 +42.9
Mairs & Power		
Grinv	154.24	-.41 +43.8
MassMutual		
SelectMdCpGrI	29.59	+.05 +42.9
Metropolitan West		
TRetBd	10.89	... +1.6
Morgan Stanley		
InsInGrA m	81.71	+2.91 +53.0
InsInGrI	87.70	+3.12 +53.4
Neuberger Berman		
GenesisR6	75.03	-.87 +44.4
Northern		
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StkIdx	46.57	-.19 +43.1
Nuveen		
HYMunBdA m	18.22	+.03 +18.1
HYMunBdI	18.22	+.04 +18.4
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IntlIDscv	56.67	+1.48 +54.9
LrgCpGrI	65.63	+.26 +43.2
OverseasStk	13.33	+.01 +47.6
QMUSSmCpGrEq	49.10	-.50 +40.1
RnI2015	15.74	-.01 +24.8
RnI2020	24.07	... +27.6
RnI2025	20.65	-.01 +31.6
RnI2030	30.63	... +35.7
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RnI2040	33.31	... +42.7
RnI2045	23.12	+.01 +45.1
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ScrandTech	59.56	+.96 +54.8
SmCpStk	70.00	-.27 +57.3
SmCpVal	60.98	-.38 +67.9
SpectrumInc	13.12	-.02 +13.1
TIP-IY	12.36	+.03 +15.6
TIEqMktIdx	46.40	-.14 +45.9
Val	48.45	-.33 +60.0
TCW		
EMInclns	8.19	+.02 +14.8
TIRetBd	10.16	+.01 -0.1
TIAA-CREF		
BdIdxIns	11.20	... -0.6
EqIdxIns	30.80	-.09 +46.7
IntlEqIdxIns	23.13	+.13 +42.8
LrgCpIdx2040I	12.35	+.02 +37.3
LrgCpIdx2045I	26.86	... +36.0
LgCpGrIdxIns	51.61	+.07 +41.2
LgCpValIdxIns	22.52	-.17 +48.2
SP500IdxI	45.87	-.18 +43.1
SclChEqI	27.48	-.05 +46.7
Thornburg		
LtdTrmInc	13.86	... +3.8
LtdTrmMd	14.59	... +2.2
Thrivent		
MnBdA m	11.65	+.02 +6.5
Transamerica		
MltMgdBdA m	33.74	-.10 +25.9
Tweedy, Browne		
GlbValue	30.90	+.09 +35.2
USAA		
SP500IdxRwd	56.48	-.14 +42.8
VALIC Co I		
StkIdx	52.05	-.20 +42.8
Vanguard		
500IdxAdmiral	384.34	-1.52 +43.2
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CAITTxExAdm	12.28	+.3.7
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CptlOppsAdmrl	198.27	+.81 +54.1
DevMktsAdmrl	16.64	+.10 +46.6
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EqIncAdmrl	91.96	-.65 +43.6
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ExplorerAdmrl	129.15	-.14 +55.9
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FAWexUSAdmrl	39.20	+.26 +53.3
FAWexUSIns	124.27	+.82 +45.4
FSocialIdxIns	26.85	-.05 +44.3
GNMAAdmrl	10.65	... -0.4
GNMAInv	10.65	-.0.5
GlbEqInv	21.21	+.18 +49.9
GrIdxAdmrl	136.53	+.20 +41.8
GrIdxIns	136.54	+.20 +41.8
GrandIncAdmrl	155.34	-.43 +44.9
HCAdmrl	94.56	+1.11 +17.7
HCInv	224.24	+2.63 +17.6
HYCorpAdmrl	5.94	-.01 +16.5
HYTEAdmrl	12.08	+.02 +11.1
ITGvAdmrl	18723	+.83 +44.5
ITGvInv	23.07	+.10 +44.4
InTmGdAdm	10.10	+3.7
InTTEAdmrl	14.81	+.01 +4.9
InTrTsAdmrl	11.45	-.0.9
IntlPrSclAdmrl	28.44	-.10 +6.6
IntlPrSclIns	11.58	+6.7
IntlStkIdxAdm	36.73	+.14 +44.4
IntlStkIdxIns	140.28	+.96 +45.9
IntlStkIdxInsPlus	140.32	+.96 +45.9
IntlStkIdxSig	29.87	+.14 +45.7
LTGvAdmrl	104.62	-.27 +46.8
LTGvIdxIns	104.64	-.27 +46.8
LTInvGdAdmrl	10.45

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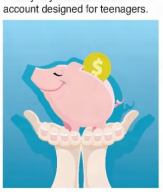
FAUCI TAKES THE PRIZE
Dr. Anthony Fauci took top honors at this year's Webby Awards. The physician and immunologist was named Person of the Year for using digital and social media to provide credible and factual COVID-19 information during the pandemic. The awards started in 1996 by recognizing websites. It has grown to embrace new technologies, from apps and software to social media and games. This year, organizers added virtual and remote experiences. The Webby Awards are selected by the International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences. Other winners included Oprah's Book Club, "Ratatouille: The TikTok Musical," "NBC Nightly News: Kids Edition," "We Are George Floyd" and the podcasts "Pod Save America."

INVESTING EARLY
Teenagers aren't known for thinking ahead financially, but Fidelity Investments is giving it a try. The financial services company is launching a new account to help teenagers save, spend and invest their money. The account is for 13- to 17-year-olds, and allows them to deposit cash, use a debit card and trade stocks and funds. The teens can make their own trades through a simplified experience on Fidelity's mobile app, with zero account fees or minimum balances, though the youth account requires a parent or guardian to have their own Fidelity account as well. Fidelity says it's the first such account designed for teenagers.



REVIVING THE BLOCKBUSTER
Hollywood's blockbuster films are returning to the big screen after taking a pandemic hiatus. From "F9" and "In the Heights" to "The Suicide Squad" and "Black Widow," there will be a steady stream of blockbusters populating multiplexes across the country. The modern summer movie season, which runs from May through Labor Day, regularly accounts for over $4 billion in revenue and makes up around 40% of the year's grosses. Last year, summer earnings were $176 million, down 96% from 2019. Theaters have been ramping up operations for a while, and this summer will provide the biggest litmus test so far about whether habits have changed irrevocably during the pandemic.

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Quotable

"The market is trying to digest signs of incipient inflation that may be more than transitory, with what the Fed's reaction might be."

— **Alicia Levine**, chief strategist at BNY Mellon Investment Management

Carbon emissions to rebound

One side effect of the coronavirus pandemic has been falling carbon dioxide emissions. But as the U.S. economy recovers, the climate altering emissions are expected to skyrocket.

U.S. emissions related to energy consumption fell 11% last year to their lowest level since 1983.

Pandemic restrictions significantly reduced commuting and travel as people worked from home and video conferences replaced in-person meetings. Electricity consumption also fell in the commercial and industrial sectors as manufacturing activity slowed.

Even though more people worked from home, residential energy consumption declined 1% because last winter was relatively mild. Households' increasing reliance on natural gas and renewable energy sources also drove down carbon dioxide emissions.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts that CO2 emissions, which contribute to climate change, will increase this year by about 6%, the fastest pace since 1976, and then grow by another 2% in 2022 as restrictions are eased and the economy continues to recover.

On the rise?
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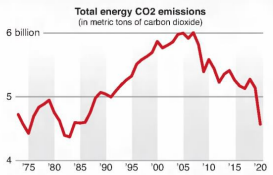

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

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StocksRecap

WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR %CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
35091.56	24059.98	Dow Jones industrial average	34415.48	33473.80	34207.84	-174.29	-0.5	▲	▲ +11.8		+39.8
16170.05	8015.50	Dow Jones transportation	15917.98	15317.11	15475.78	-441.68	-2.8	▲	▲ +23.7		+82.7
937.38	745.40	Dow Jones utilities	912.42	888.13	908.53	+0.80	+0.1	▼	▲ +5.1		+18.9
16685.72	11248.54	NYSE Comp.	16475.00	16040.43	16375.00	-40.36	-0.3	▲	▲ +12.7		+44.5
6541.57	4547.94	NYSE International	6516.12	6359.77	6474.87	+21.40	+0.3	▲	▲ +9.5		+41.6
14073.48	9182.68	Nasdaq 100	13573.84	12994.35	13411.74	+18.62	+0.1	▼	▼ +4.1		+42.5
14211.57	9144.32	Nasdaq Comp.	13616.58	13072.23	13470.99	+41.01	+0.3	▼	▼ +4.5		+44.5
4238.04	2913.86	S&P 500	4188.72	4061.41	4155.86	-17.99	-0.4	▼	▲ +10.6		+40.6
2780.08	1639.82	S&P MidCap	2723.62	2632.93	2689.84	-32.05	-1.2	▼	▲ +16.6		+58.7
44386.09	28934.88	Wilshire 5000	43679.47	42293.92	43322.74	-93.06	-0.2	▼	▲ +9.8		+44.3
2360.17	1290.90	Russell 2000	2244.43	2159.14	2215.27	-9.36	-0.4	▼	▼ +12.2		+63.4
446.19	330.70	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	446.01	432.63	444.44	+1.91	+0.4	▲	▲ +11.4		+30.7
7164.18	5525.52	FTSE 100	7102.57	6897.06	7018.05	-25.56	-0.4	▲	▲ +8.6		+17.1

Weekly Gainers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
Newegg s	13.54	+6.45	+91.0
PureCycl un	25.00	+11.70	+88.0
PDS Bio	8.33	+3.57	+75.0
VeraTh A n	19.75	+8.25	+71.7
UrbanOne	8.33	+3.11	+59.6
Gracell n	17.61	+6.56	+59.4
UpstarHld n	153.85	+50.49	+48.8
HimsHers n	12.81	+3.97	+44.9
Obalon	3.42	+1.03	+43.1
PureCycl n	17.74	+5.31	+42.7

Weekly Losers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
BickDia	13.40	-14.10	-51.3
Seelos h	3.26	-1.93	-37.2
BrkInImm	13.99	-7.61	-35.2
ChOnlEd	12.63	-5.97	-32.1
IovanceTh	18.05	-7.77	-30.1
SeqentB hrs	7.07	-2.82	-28.5
TaiwLipo	4.26	-1.21	-22.1
ViantTc n	21.59	-5.79	-21.1
Takung	17.37	-4.13	-19.2
FrghtCar lf	5.23	-1.21	-18.8

Weekly Actives ($1 or more)

STOCK	VOL (00s)	LAST	WK CHG
AT&T Inc	6993363	30.01	-2.23
AMC Ent	5276564	12.08	-.90
FordM	5058181	13.33	+1.49
Onconv hS	4627973	9.23	+1.34
Apple Inc s	3857836	125.43	-2.02
GenElec	2933375	13.23	-.03
AMD	2400026	77.17	+2.58
Paldstr n	2362444	20.75	+.67
PlugPowr h	2250790	27.89	+3.31
BkofAm	1963164	42.40	+.04

China-Aussie trade spat

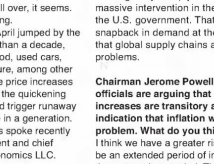
China's voracious appetite for Australian iron ore is blunting the impact of a trade war launched by Beijing that wiped out the biggest foreign market for Australia's wineries and beef suppliers.

Australian exports to China have rebounded to one-third above pre-pandemic levels in a challenge to the ruling Communist Party's use of its populous market as a political weapon.

Beijing slapped tariffs of up to 212% on wine and blocked most imports of beef, copper, cotton and timber from Australia in retaliation for its call for a probe into the origins of the coronavirus.

But not iron ore, Australia's biggest export. Chinese steel mills need all they can get as manufacturing revives.

Australian wine sales to China fell 99%. Other exporters also suffered, but some found new markets. Wine sales to Britain rose by one-third.



Buoyed by iron ore, Chinese imports from Australia in the four months through April were up 32.6% compared with early 2019. For that period, China ran a $29.5 billion trade deficit with Australia.

The conflict has "not had a material impact on Australia's economy," analysts at Fitch Ratings said in a report.

Dented but recovering:
China blocked imports of wine and beef from Australia in retaliation for its call to investigate the origins of Covid-19. But not iron ore, which has buoyed Australian exports to China.

Source: General Administration of Customs of China

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InterestRates

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	0.01		
Transamerica Govt MMF/CI R4	0.30	$ 5,000 min	(888) 233-4339
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.01		
Fed/Hermes Muni Oblig Fund/Wealth	0.03	500K	(800) 341-7400

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO		NAT'L AVG	WK AGO
48 month new car loan	4.01	4.06	Money market account	0.08	0.08
60 month new car loan	4.20	4.24	1 year CD	0.30	0.30
$30K Home equity loan	4.64	4.64	3 year CD	0.37	0.37
30 year fixed mortgage	3.10	3.06	5 year CD	0.45	0.45
15 year fixed mortgage	2.38	2.35	Savings interest	0.16	0.16

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.01	0.00	▼	▼	-0.11	0.17	0.01
6-month T-Bill	0.02	-0.01	▼	▼	-0.12	0.19	0.02
52-week T-Bill	0.04	-0.01	▼	▬	-0.12	0.18	0.04
2-year T-Note	0.17	0.01	▲	▲	0.02	0.23	0.09
5-year T-Note	0.84	0.02	▲	▲	0.51	0.94	0.19
7-year T-Note	1.29	0.00	▲	▲	0.78	1.40	0.36
10-year T-Note	1.63	0.00	▲	▲	0.96	1.74	0.51
30-year T-Bond	2.33	-0.04	▲	▲	0.93	2.48	1.19

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The U.S. dollar strengthened versus the British pound, the euro and the Japanese yen. The greenback also rose against the Mexican peso, but fell versus the Swiss franc.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.4155	-.0031	-.22%	1.3279	1.2235
Canadian Dollar	1.2064	+.0006	+.05%	1.3094	1.3947
USD per Euro	1.2181	-.0038	-.31%	1.1858	1.0956
Japanese Yen	108.93	+.13	+.12%	103.84	107.60
Mexican Peso	19.9760	+.0822	+.41%	20.0860	22.9337
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.2555	-.0019	-.06%	3.3383	3.5175
Norwegian Krone	8.3871	+.0750	+.89%	9.0016	9.9494
South African Rand	13.9673	-.0158	-.11%	15.3253	17.5894
Swedish Krona	8.3241	+.0186	+.22%	8.6156	9.6270
Swiss Franc	.8980	-.0003	-.03%	.9115	.9702
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.2932	+.0065	+.50%	1.3678	1.5233
Chinese Yuan	6.4342	-.0008	-.01%	6.5630	7.1154
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7637	+.0012	+.02%	7.7522	7.7548
Indian Rupee	72.929	-.120	-.16%	74.134	75.614
Singapore Dollar	1.3316	+.0005	+.04%	1.3435	1.4177
South Korean Won	1128.03	-1.91	-.17%	1114.83	1232.55
Taiwan Dollar	27.95	-.01	-.04%	28.52	29.94

Commodities

U.S. energy prices rose, with U.S. crude oil jumping 2.5%. Heating oil and wholesale gasoline also rose about 1%, while natural gas fell slightly.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	63.58	61.94	+2.65	+31.0
Ethanol (gal)	2.35	2.35	...	+64.0
Heating Oil (gal)	1.99	1.96	+1.21	+34.1
Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.91	2.93	-0.65	+14.5
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.07	2.05	+1.04	+45.3
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Gold (oz)	1876.70	1881.80	-0.27	-0.9
Silver (oz)	27.47	28.05	-2.06	+4.3
Platinum (oz)	1169.40	1205.00	-2.95	+8.7
Copper (lb)	4.50	4.58	-1.88	+28.0
AGRICULTURE	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Cattle (lb)	1.18	1.17	+0.92	+4.2
Coffee (lb)	1.52	1.53	-0.56	+18.6
Corn (bu)	6.60	6.65	-0.75	+36.3
Cotton (lb)	0.83	0.82	+1.58	+6.0
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	1390.00	1390.00	...	+58.9
Orange Juice (lb)	1.18	1.17	+1.03	-4.3
Soybeans (bu)	15.26	15.33	-0.46	+16.0
Wheat (bu)	6.74	6.75	-0.15	+5.3

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Best Stocks One Month

BEST LARGE-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Upstart Holdings Inc	UPST	153.85	48.8	**43.3**	0.0	...	...
Nucor Corp	NUE	102.13	-0.4	**31.2**	155.3	43	1.6
Proofpoint Inc	PFPT	171.16	-0.4	**29.9**	50.0	...	...
Baker Hughes Co	BKR	25.54	1.8	**27.6**	78.8	...	2.8
Imperial Oil Ltd	IMO	32.41	1.1	**27.1**	88.0	...	2.0
Energy Transfer L.P.	ET	10.19	0.8	**24.4**	36.0	8	6.0
Schlumberger Ltd	SLB	31.95	-2.6	**24.3**	90.0	...	1.6
Deutsche Bank AG	DB	14.73	2.3	**24.0**	5.9	...	...
Hess Corp	HES	81.94	-2.8	**21.8**	82.6	...	1.2
Gold Fields Ltd	GFI	12.03	7.2	**21.3**	42.2	...	0.1
Nokia Corp	NOK	5.05	3.1	**20.2**	33.9	...	3.8
Vedanta Ltd	VEDL	14.85	-1.5	**20.2**	225.3	...	8.1
NortonLifeLock Corp	NLOK	26.72	2.4	**20.1**	32.9	...	1.9
Bco Santander SA	SAN	4.11	0.2	**19.8**	118.0	...	5.2
Santander Consum USA	SC	37.39	2.9	**19.1**	148.5	7	...

BEST MID-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Uxin Limited ADS	UXIN	3.49	27.8	**62.3**	136.2	dd	...
Globalstar Inc	GSAT	1.48	29.8	**60.9**	364.3	dd	...
Range Resources	RRC	14.08	8.0	**59.5**	138.2	...	0.6
Grupo Simec	SIM	21.11	-8.4	**50.8**	220.6	...	...
Avid Technology Inc	AVID	30.77	12.5	**44.9**	413.9	dd	...
Intl Game Tech plc	IGT	23.93	8.8	**44.4**	214.0	...	3.3
Antero Resources	AR	12.76	7.8	**41.8**	330.7	...	7.8
Liberty Oilfield Svc	LBRT	14.38	0.3	**41.8**	181.3	...	1.4
Design Therapeutics	DSGN	27.22	18.4	**41.3**	0.0	...	...
Bonanza Creek Energy	BCEI	42.57	4.1	**39.5**	170.2	9	...
Domtar Corp	UFS	54.25	-1.3	**38.9**	144.4	...	3.4
Sthwstn Energy	SWN	5.41	6.7	**38.4**	81.0	...	...
Hayward Holdings Inc	HAYW	24.14	-1.6	**38.1**	0.0	...	...
Nthn Oil & Gas	NOG	16.82	5.7	**37.6**	99.4	...	...
Cryolife Inc	CRY	31.53	8.8	**37.5**	38.5	...	0.4

BEST SMALL-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Nemaura Medical Inc	NMRD	11.89	28.7	**124.8**	76.4	...	...
Nam Tai Property	NTP	25.23	21.8	**111.1**	402.0	63	1.1
Urban One Inc D	UONEK	4.03	28.3	**98.5**	415.9	...	...
J Jill Group Inc	JILL	15.75	28.0	**93.0**	380.1	...	...
Atossa Therapeutic	ATOS	3.23	11.4	**82.5**	84.6	dd	...
Scully Royalty Ltd	SRL	15.01	2.9	**76.9**	110.3	dd	...
Vera Therapeutics A	VERA	19.75	71.7	**71.7**	0.0	...	...
Silverbow Resources	SBOW	15.50	6.7	**70.5**	269.1	...	...
Exterran Corp	EXTN	4.95	0.8	**63.4**	-12.8	...	...
Big 5 Sporting Goods	BGFV	28.61	1.8	**58.7**	1937.9	11	2.5
X Financial ADR	XYF	4.54	13.2	**57.1**	96.9	...	...
Wstn Copper & Gold	WRN	2.05	25.0	**53.0**	133.3	...	...
Huttig Bldg Pdts	HBP	6.75	7.1	**52.7**	365.9	11	...
Transcrit Rlty	TCI	30.31	37.1	**52.5**	38.7	2	...
Chaisma Inc	CHMA	4.33	8.0	**51.4**	-31.0	dd	...

InsiderQ&A

Inflation: Temporary or permanent?

Naroff Economics

Joel Naroff
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Naroff Economics LLC

Inflation, a no-show for decades, is suddenly breaking out all over, it seems. And concerns are growing.

Consumer prices in April jumped by the largest amount in more than a decade, with surging costs for food, used cars, airline tickets and furniture, among other goods and services. The price increases have sparked fears that the quickening economic recovery could trigger runaway inflation for the first time in a generation.

The Associated Press spoke recently with Joel Naroff, president and chief economist of Naroff Economics LLC.

After many years of low inflation, are you seeing signs that inflation is rising?
There is no question that inflation pressures are building, and they are building fairly sharply. We have had a massive intervention in the economy by the U.S. government. That has caused a snapback in demand at the same time that global supply chains are having problems.

Chairman Jerome Powell and other Fed officials are arguing that the price increases are transitory and not an indication that inflation will become a problem. What do you think?
I think we have a greater risk that this will be an extended period of inflation rather than a transitory period. The Fed is expecting the risk to fade as the government support winds down. But if President Joe Biden's infrastructure and family programs are passed, the Fed could be in trouble.

The Fed says it has the tools to deal with inflation.
They can always raise rates. But they have also created an economy where the expectations are that the Fed will keep rates extraordinarily low for an extraordinarily long period.

The Fed seems to be in a new era where instead of promising to hike rates pre-emptively to fight inflation, it is willing to wait longer to push unemployment down farther and to let inflation run above its 2% target for a time.
We used to have the saying that if the Fed waits until it sees the whites of the eyes of inflation, it has waited too long. Now, we have a Fed that is willing to be overrun by inflation before it even starts firing.

Where are consumers most likely to notice higher prices?
Prices will be going up everywhere. I think you will see it in restaurants, in amusement parks, in movie theaters. They are all going to be raising their prices. The cost of building a new home has gone up so much. It's not just lumber but everything.

Are there any specific cautions you would give to investors?
The biggest issue I see is, we don't know what will happen to the economy once the government support to households and businesses stops. Investors should be asking that question right now.

Interviewed by Martin Crutsinger
Edited for clarity and length.

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Cryptocurrency scams rise 1,000%, cost consumers millions, FTC says

Michelle Singletary

If there is a perfect storm for cryptocurrency scam victims, it's happening right now.

Uberrich people have touted the speculative investment, making others feel like fools if they don't get in on the game. Tesla mogul Elon Musk has been a champion of cryptocurrency, although he backed off bitcoin mining recently, citing environmental concerns.

Despite being highly volatile, the price of cryptocurrencies has surged to record levels.

Finally, cryptocurrency enthusiasts have a great command over social media platforms, enabling them to relentlessly plug the investment, which is pushing up prices. Scammers know that many people suffer from "FOMO," or the fear of missing out. This is the kryptonite for unsophisticated investors.

Add all those forces together and you have a tenfold increase in reported losses in the past 12 months from victims of cryptocurrency-related investment scams, according to new data from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

"This trend is really striking," said Emma Fletcher, a program analyst with the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "It's pretty alarming and concerning. So we definitely want to bring attention to this issue so that people can take steps to make sure that this doesn't happen to them."

Consumers have reported losing more than $80 million to cryptocurrency investment scams, the data shows. The FTC said it received nearly 7,000 scam reports in the last quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021, 12 times the number reported over the same period a year earlier. The median amount consumers lost in the scams was $1,900. That is nearly 1,000 percent more in reported losses compared to the same period a year earlier, the agency said.

Let me put the loss for cryptocurrency scam victims in perspective. The median loss reported to the FTC for fraud generally is about $400, Fletcher said.

Adults 20 to 49 were more than five times more likely than older age groups to report losing money on cryptocurrency investment scams, the FTC said. People in their 20s and 30s lost more money to investment scams than any other form of fraud, and more than half of their losses were the result of crypto cons. Although people 50 and older were far less likely to report losing money on cryptocurrency scams, their losses were higher – a median of $3,250.

Devotees say bitcoin, Dogecoin and other cryptocurrencies will someday revolutionize the way electronic transactions are handled. It's super cool to be in cryptocurrency.

"There's also a lot of high pressure to this market where people are like, 'You've got to get in now. Don't wait. Don't question it," said Joe Rotunda, director, enforcement division at the Texas State Securities Board. "But investors need to be on guard."

In March, the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) listed cryptocurrency-related investment scams as a top investor threat. Investigate before you invest, Rotunda said. Check out any investment offerings with your state securities regulator.

The FTC said many victims reported being lured to sophisticated websites offering an opportunity to invest in cryptocurrencies. People set up accounts using real cryptocurrencies, which would of course be stolen. The sites use fake testimonials and cryptocurrency jargon to appear credible or show that their investments were growing. However, when people tried to withdraw the nonexistent profits, they were told to send even more cryptocurrency, Fletcher said.

In other schemes, people were told the more money they put in to climb investment tiers, the bigger returns they could expect.

Even the tried and true romance scam has evolved to include cryptocurrency. But instead of getting lovestruck individuals to fork over cash, scammers sweet-talk them into cryptocurrency investments. The FTC said about 20 percent of the money reported lost through romance scams since October 2020 was sent in cryptocurrency.

Another scam involves pitches using celebrity names. You give the celebrity-backed investment some of your cryptocurrency and you supposedly get back more than you put up. Consumers reported losing more than $2 million to Musk impersonators since October, the FTC said.

Crooks are also using the Social Security number con to collect cryptocurrency. People are told their Social Security number will be "suspended" because of criminal activity. Or they are threatened with arrest. To clear up the issue, victims are told they have to pay a fee in cryptocurrency.

If you're promised a guaranteed return, run. If you're told that your deposit of cryptocurrency will be multiplied, don't take the bait. "The cryptocurrency itself is the investment," Fletcher wrote in a report about the surge in the scams. "You make money if you're lucky enough to sell it for more than you paid. Period. Don't trust people who say they know a better way."

Ric Edelman, the founder of Edelman Financial Engines, said it was inevitable that criminals would exploit the interest in cryptocurrencies.

"Scams involving bitcoin are no surprise, any more than the fact that as soon as we invented cars we started having car accidents," he said. "So drive defensively and be just as defensive when investing."

Ask the Fool

Profitable vs. Unprofitable

Q Is it best to invest only in profitable companies, avoiding those that are losing money? — *J.C., Victoria, Texas*

A Not necessarily. Many great companies start out losing money as they establish themselves. You need to be confident that they have a path to profitability, and that they're likely to get there. In their early years, they may spend more than they earn on marketing campaigns, hiring top talent or expanding their reach in order to compete and grab market share.

Amazon is a perfect example here — even when it was very successful, it posted years of losses due to heavy spending. But it was clear that it could turn profitable just by reining in spending and hiking prices. So there's no need to completely avoid unprofitable companies; just don't put all your money in them. There are always many great profitable companies in which you can invest.

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Q How should I use stop orders? — *C.M., Janesville, Wisconsin*

A You can use them to buy or sell stocks at or near specified prices. Many people place stop orders with their brokerages to avoid losing a lot of money if a holding suddenly plunges.

You might place an order to sell a stock if it falls by, say, 15% from its current price (to a certain price per share). It's tricky, though, because plenty of great long-term investments might temporarily fall by 20% or more, before eventually recovering and going on to new highs. Thus, it's best to not set your stop order too conservatively — or just to not use stops at all, at least for selling.

Long-term investors hoping to stay invested in very promising stocks for years should simply expect volatility and ride out temporary downturns.

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Scams and How To Avoid Them

The more you know about scams, the more you can avoid them. Here are common traits of scams to watch out for:

• It's personal: Some scammers pretend to be a friend or family member who has an emergency and needs money.

• Someone asks for a wire transfer: A scammer might ask you to transfer money out of the blue, perhaps through a company such as Western Union. Once you wire money, it's gone — and you probably can't get it back.

• You're being enticed by money: If an email, text or phone call suggests that you can collect a lot of money by taking some trivial action, that's a red flag.

• You're asked to be a go-between: Don't fall for a request to handle and transfer money between other parties.

• It claims to be official: Many scammers will call, text or email you pretending to be a government entity or financial institution, in order to try to get your personal information or a payment from you. Their emails can look convincing, and their messages might be persuasive. Beware. Look up the organization, and contact it through official channels; don't click any links or call a phone number a possible scammer has given you (or give money or information to a caller).

• It's urgent: If you're informed that you must act very soon, you're probably being manipulated into acting rashly, on emotion.

• It plays on fear: Some scammers will try to scare you into action — suggesting, for example, that you might lose your Social Security benefits — or even your job — if you don't make a certain payment or divulge personal information.

The bottom line is that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. And if it seems a bit too weird, such as requesting that you make a payment before receiving a sweepstakes prize, that's also a red flag.

My Smartest Investment

Down, Then Up

One of my dumbest investments — buying shares of Exelixis — has also been one of my smartest investments. It has been down 80% at one point (when I bought more) and then up some 300%. Know your companies. — *D.D., online*

The Fool Responds: Biotechnology stock Exelixis dropped sharply in late 2000 as the dot-com bubble burst, sending the overall market down. Many people simply sold lots of their stocks during the market crash — which is what kept stock prices falling. But at such a time, it's smart to ask yourself about any holding that has fallen: Has it actually become a less promising proposition, or is it simply facing a temporary setback? Big market crashes take down great and poor companies alike, so don't be hasty in selling.

You were smart to hang on — and, indeed, you bought even more shares. That can be a powerful move if you're confident in the company's future. (It's a hard move to pull off, too, when it looks like few investors have faith in the company — as was surely the case with an 80% drop.) You're right that it's imperative to understand your holdings well, so that you can act appropriately.

Exelixis' future still seems rosy: Its successful drug Cabometyx (already approved to treat kidney and liver cancer) may be approved for further treatments, and its sales can also grow internationally.

The Motley Fool Take

Big Blue for Big Green

Looking for a stock with plenty of growth potential and a fat dividend? Consider International Business Machines (NYSE: IBM), with a dividend recently yielding over 4.5%.

IBM's legacy business lines have struggled for years, and that's been keeping the stock depressed. But it's spinning off its managed infrastructure business by the end of this year. This will leave the new entity more focused on what it describes as "the $1 trillion hybrid cloud opportunity."

While IBM offers a public cloud platform similar to market leaders Amazon Web Services and Microsoft Azure, it's focusing instead on hybrid cloud computing. IBM is betting that its base of large customers will benefit from mixing on-premises hardware and public cloud services, instead of simply going all-in on a public cloud.

IBM's total cloud revenue increased 19% in 2020 to $25.1 billion. In its first quarter of 2021, the century-old tech giant returned to total revenue growth and beat analyst estimates for both the top and bottom lines. The company is also paying down its substantial debt, and its balance sheet is solid, with more than $10 billion in cash.

It's time to start thinking about IBM as a leader in emerging tech trends like hybrid cloud computing (as a partner in helping organizations get the most out of their data) and artificial intelligence (as a developer of AI applications).

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the Hudson River Valley in New York in 1936, when a fellow bought a depleted iron mine and 100 acres on which to grow mushrooms. After World War II, aware of the need to protect vital documents from destruction, he used his iron mine to launch me in 1951. Today, based in Boston, I'm a worldwide leader in storage and information management, serving more than 225,000 organizations. My 1,450 facilities in 56 countries sport more than 90 million square feet, storing and protecting data, records, art, historical artifacts and more. I rake in more than $4 billion annually. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back more than 230 years, to the 1790 Boston founding of Henry Wood & Company. In the 1820s, as Americans moved west and began farming, I stopped importing wheat from England. I took on a mythical name in 1896. In 1984, I moved to Norwich, Vermont, and soon after debuted a catalog for bakers. My website, launched in 1996, offers around 1,000 products and over 2,000 recipes; I opened a baking school in 2000. In 2004, I became 100% employee-owned, and then became a B Corp in 2007, committing to serve all stakeholders. Who am I? (Answer: King Arthur Baking Company)

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The checks that could change your financial life

Liz Weston

Starting in July, most families with kids will start getting monthly payments of up to $300 per child as part of the American Rescue Plan's expansion of the child tax credit.

The payments are scheduled to end in December, and it's unclear whether they will be extended. But even six months of payments could make a big difference in many families' finances.

For some, the money will be a lifeline to pay rent, food and other essential expenses. For others, the cash could be a chance to make lasting changes that could help them become more financially stable.

Bigger, better credit

The child tax credit dates back to 1997 and started as a $500 credit designed to provide some tax relief to middle- and upper-middle-income families. Over the years, Congress expanded the size of the credit and made it available to lower-income people, too. In 2017, the maximum credit was raised to $2,000 and income limits were increased to $200,000 for single filers and $400,000 for married couples, after which the credit phases out.

The American Rescue Plan increases the maximum credit, but not for everybody. The new law adds $1,000 for children ages 6 to 17 and $1,600 for children under 6. But the extra amounts begin to phase out for single filers with adjusted gross incomes over $75,000 and married couples at over $150,000. The credit is reduced $50 for every $1,000 of income over those limits.

Taxpayers who are phased out of the extended credit may still qualify for the original $2,000 credit, although again the credit is reduced $50 for each $1,000 of income over the 2017 income limits.

The new law makes two other important changes. The credit is now fully refundable, which means more families can get money back if their credit amount is more than the tax they owe. Also, half of the credit will be paid out in monthly installments from July to December. The other half can be claimed on the taxpayer's 2021 return, to be filed next year.

The IRS will determine if people are eligible for the monthly payments using their 2020 tax returns or, if those haven't yet been filed, their 2019 returns, says financial planner Robert Westley, a member of the American Institute of CPAs' Financial Literacy Commission.

How to use the money

You know best what your family needs, but anyone who doesn't have an emergency fund should consider starting one, says Jennifer Tescher, founder and CEO of the Financial Health Network, a nonprofit that promotes financial stability for lower- and middle-income people.

A savings account with just a few hundred dollars is often enough to break the paycheck-to-paycheck cycle.

"Most unexpected expenses that people face are really in the few hundred dollar range," Tescher says.

Most low- to middle-income families make enough money to cover their expenses, but there's often a cash flow mismatch between when they need money and when it comes in, Tescher says. That can lead to late fees, bank overdrafts, utility shut-offs and other unpleasant consequences.

"Then, digging yourself out of the mess is time-consuming and expensive," Tescher says. Drawing from an emergency account, then replenishing it can smooth out those gaps.

Financial health

Once you have a starter emergency fund, you may want to pay down payday loans, credit cards and other expensive debt, Westley says. The less interest you have to pay on debt, the more money you have for uses that you choose.

People also could start or increase their retirement savings, either by contributing to an individual retirement account or boosting their contributions to a workplace plan such as a 401(k). While the tax credit money can't be directly placed into a workplace plan, you could use it to replace the contributions that come out of your paycheck.

You may want to save money for a down payment, since homeownership is a common way to build wealth. You also could help your children's future financial health by saving for their education. Contributing to a 529 college savings plan can provide tax-free money for schooling, and many states offer a tax break or other incentives.

If you don't already have health insurance, the monthly payments could help you pay the premiums for policies purchased on the Affordable Care Act exchanges at HealthCare.gov. The American Rescue Plan passed in March also increased subsidies, and other improvements have reduced the cost of most policies. Health insurance can help you avoid potentially bankrupting medical bills if someone in your family gets sick or injured.

Having a plan for the money before it arrives can help ensure the cash goes where you most want it, Tescher says.

"Financial Health Network research has consistently shown that planning ahead and identifying specific financial goals is highly correlated with improved financial health regardless of income," Tescher says.

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious of fine appearance sold from mostly $35-36, Golden Delicious fine appearance fruit sold from mostly $41-42, Fuji sold for mostly $39-40, Pink Lady sold from mostly $39-40, Gala sold fine appearance offerings from $43-44, and 72 size Honeycrisp fine appearance sold for $73-75. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 ½-inch minimum Red Delicious sold for $28, while Golden Delicious sold for $26-27, Fuji sold for $22 and Gala brought $30, while bushel cartons of 3-inch up Michigan Gala, Golden Delicious and Jonagold are unavailable.

ASPARAGUS: 28-pound pyramid cartons/crates from Michigan standard size sold for $64.50. 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Mexico standard size sold higher for $24-24.50, while white offerings from Peru sold higher for $40.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type handpicked offerings from Florida sold lower from $14.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size blueberries from Florida sold higher from $20-21.50. Organic offerings are currently unavailable. Strawberries in flats of eight 1-pound containers medium-large size from California sold lower for $20-20.50. Organic offerings sold from $32-32.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold lower from $9, with organic offerings from $9.50.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Georgia sold from mostly $14-15, and red offerings higher from $26-28.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold lower for $17.50. Organic offerings also sold lower for $20-21.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen Florida bi-color and yellow sold lower for $17-18.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold lower for $20-22, large also sold lower for $18-20, while carton 24s sold lower for mostly $9-11. Pickles of 200-300 size from Mexico sold higher for $28.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons 18s from Mexico sold higher for $24-25 and 24s sold for $22-23.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold higher for $14-16, with organic offerings also higher from $28-29.

ORANGES: Cartons of 7/10 bushel of California shippers 1st grade 72 size navel oranges sold higher for mostly $27-28.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of California green jumbo sold for $25-26. Medium-large size cubanelle peppers from Florida sold higher for mostly $24-25, with offerings of medium-large hungarian wax peppers from Mexico selling lower for $24, extra-large serranos sold higher for $42, long hots from North Carolina sold from $22 and extra-large poblanos from Mexico brought mostly $25-27 while extra-large size jalapenos sold lower for mostly $27-29.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Meixoc sold higher for $15-16 and medium zucchini also sold higher for mostly $15-17, and yellow straightneck small-medium sold lower for $16.50-18 and medium sold for $16-17. 40-pound cartons of medium size butternut from Mexico sold for mostly $18-19, Mexico offerings of acorn from $16-17 and spaghetti lower from mostly $15-16.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from Florida of 5x6 size sold lower for $18-20, and mature green offerings are currently unavailable, while carton 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Mexico of 4x5 size sold lower for $22. Flats of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type medium size from Florida sold for $10, while grape type from Mexico sold from $12. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold lower from mostly $15-17.

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Vote? Not yet. Invest? Yes. Fidelity launches teen accounts

NEW YORK (AP) — Looking to draw in the next generation of investors, Fidelity Investments is launching a new type of account for teenagers to save, spend and invest their money.

The account is for 13- to 17-year-olds, and it will allow them to deposit cash, have a debit card and trade stocks and funds. The teens can make their own trades through a simplified experience on Fidelity's mobile app, with zero account fees or minimum balances, though the youth account requires a parent or guardian to have their own Fidelity account as well.

Fidelity says it's the first such account designed for teenagers, but it's only the latest step in a broad push by the industry to draw more first-time investors into the market. Over the years, brokerages have slashed trading commissions to zero and offered easy-to-use apps in hopes of boosting the percentage of U.S. households that are in the stock market, which has climbed back above half. Holding stocks is one of the best ways to build wealth over the long term, but with that also comes risk.

Younger investors in their 20s and 30s have been taking the market by storm, with trading volumes rising across brokerages. But they sometimes get criticized for trading too quickly and rashly. Earlier this year, a loosely organized band of investors sent GameStop's stock soaring suddenly, while communicating with each other on Reddit and other social media, in the highest-profile example. Much of the gains evaporated almost as quickly, though, before the stock began yo-yoing.

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A Fidelity Investments logo is attached to a building, in Boston in 2019. Fidelity is launching a new type of account for teenagers to save, spend and invest their money. The account is for 13- to 17-year-olds, and it will allow them to deposit cash, have a debit card and trade stocks and funds.

Fidelity's youth account will not put limits on how much or how often a teen can trade, though it won't let them buy or sell cryptocurrencies, stock options or ETFs that use borrowed money to supercharge gains and losses. Fidelity's hope is that parents and guardians will use the new youth account as a way to have conversations with their kids about how to safely invest for the long term.

"There is a lack of financial literacy," said David Dintenfass, Fidelity's chief marketing officer and head of experience design. "People who are already Fidelity customers, they want to pass on their knowledge to their children. When we talked to them, they said they would love to have a product to develop better conversations with their children as soon as possible."

Fidelity began a pilot of the youth account program in the middle of 2020. While the sample size is admittedly small, only about a third of the pilot participants actually made trades. More of the teenagers in the pilot used their debit cards, 40 percent, said Jenn Samalis, senior vice president of customer acquisition and loyalty at Fidelity.

The youth accounts offer educational materials for teenagers about finances, and they will transition into a standard brokerage account after the child turns 18.

Nearly half of the money in the pilot accounts came from the teens themselves. Parents can monitor the teen's trading and spending activities with the youth account, but they cannot block transactions. That separates it from custodial accounts, which are widely available, where parents and guardians control the account until turning it over to the beneficiary.

"This is positioned as a way for parents to have good conversations with their children," Dintenfass said of the new youth account. "That, I think, has led to the ideas about responsibility, and that has led to responsible behavior."

Stocks end a wobbly day mixed; S&P 500 posts a weekly loss

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Wall Street racked up more losses Friday on a choppy day of trading that left the major indexes mixed and the S&P 500 with its second straight weekly decline.

The S&P 500 ended 0.1 percent lower after having been up 0.7 percent in the early going. The benchmark index, which hit an all-time high two weeks ago, lost 0.4 percent this week. That follows a 1.4 percent loss last week.

Gains for banks and health care companies were kept in check by drops in technology stocks and in companies like Tesla, McDonald's and Amazon.com that rely directly on consumer spending. Energy stocks eked out a small gain as the price of U.S. crude oil rose. Treasury yields were mixed.

The market's latest bout of selling come as investors remain focused on the possibility of inflation as the economy stirs to life following more than a year of shutdowns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The market is trying to digest signs of incipient inflation that may be more than transitory, with what the Fed's reaction might be," said Alicia Levine, chief strategist at BNY Mellon Investment Management.

The S&P 500 slipped 3.26 points to 4,155.86, while the Nasdaq slid 64.75 points, or 0.5 percent, to 13,470.99. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fared better, gaining 123.69 points, or 0.4 percent, to 34,207.84.

Small company stocks also notched gains. The Russell 2000 index picked up 7.51 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,215.27.

The market's pullback this month reflects heightened unease among traders that rising inflation may prompt central banks to pull back on their efforts to support job growth before the economic recovery is fully realized. The Federal Reserve has said it expects any bump in inflation to be temporary, though investors are uncertain about how hot inflation could become.

Analysts have also said investors are looking further ahead, beyond the recovery, and wary about potential tax changes and the impact they may have on growth.

The U.S. Treasury Department supports a global minimum corporate tax rate of at least 15 percent as part of an effort to end what it calls "a race to the bottom" as countries compete with each other to cut corporate tax rates and lure multinational companies.

Solid earnings helped lift several companies Friday. Foot Locker rose 2 percent after reporting solid first-quarter earnings and revenue. Agricultural equipment maker Deere gained 1.3 percent after beating Wall Street's fiscal second-quarter profit forecasts.

Small businesses and mobile-friendly websites

Just how important is having a website that's mobile-friendly?

It's a valid question to ask because there's both time and money required to ensure a website will perform well when accessed from mobile devices like smartphones and tablets.

There are two primary reasons to make your website mobile-ready.

1. Improved ranking on Google.

In April 2015 (a time called "Mobilegeddon" by many), Google began showing favor to mobile-friendly websites. Websites that provide a good user experience (simple to navigate, sized for mobile screens, etc.) on mobile devices rank higher than non-mobile-ready sites in search results for mobile users.

Also, Google announced plans to implement mobile-first indexing, using the mobile version of the web as its primary consideration in ranking websites. When the algorithm change becomes universal, it will increase the importance of having a mobile-friendly website.

2. Better response from website visitors.

Naturally, website visitors will spend more time on a website that makes it easy to find the information they're looking for and see it properly without having to make manual adjustments to make the font readable. If your website was designed only for desktop viewing, people who view it from mobile devices are likely to find it frustrating – and they'll probably leave it to look at your competitors' mobile-ready websites instead.

With the volume of online searches on mobile devices on the rise, in fact surpassing those done from desktops, you could put yourself at a competitive disadvantage if you don't have a mobile-friendly website.

According to Google, people are 60 percent less likely to purchase from a business in the future if they have a bad brand experience on a mobile website.

Is your website mobile-friendly?

You can assess your website's mobile-friendliness by using Google's free mobile-friendly test tool. It will analyze your web pages and provide suggestions for improvement.

What if your website isn't mobile-friendly?

Your options for making your website mobile-friendly include:

- Having a site created with responsive design.
- Having a separate mobile site created in addition to your existing site.

With the responsive web design technique, website pages adjust to the device's screen (desktop, tablet or mobile phone) on-demand. One benefit of a responsive site is that you need only maintain a single website. Another is that responsive design will work with new iOS and Android device models automatically, which eliminates the need to redesign your site whenever a new device becomes available.

With a separate mobile website, you end up having two websites – one that people access when on desktop computers and another that people access when using mobile devices. Your desktop and mobile sites would have separate URLs, design, content, page structure, etc. Besides the disadvantages of having to pay for and maintain more than one site, it might also confuse customers – this is especially likely if the two sites don't have similar navigation. One other downside is that having two websites could make SEO efforts more complicated and less effective.

Where should you turn for help?

A reputable and experienced website development company can provide the guidance and technical expertise to develop and execute your mobile-friendly strategy. Consider asking other business owners for recommendations. You can also reach out to SCORE to talk with a mentor. SCORE mentors have experience in all aspects of starting, growing and marketing a small business, and they can help connect you with reliable resources.

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Wightman acquires Barry County surveying firm

By HP STAFF

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Wightman acquired Reynolds Land Surveying, a Hastings-based surveying business founded in 1987.

The company's employees and range of services began operating as part of the Wightman umbrella of services on May 17.

As a part of the acquisition, Wightman will be operating a survey field office located at 109 S. Church St. in Hastings. Additional services including civil engineering, architecture and business operations support will be provided by the Wightman Allegan office at 1670 Lincoln Road in Allegan.

Reynolds Land Surveying is owned and operated by Brian Reynolds. A veteran surveyor in the industry, Reynolds will be joining the Wightman team on a part-time basis. Reynolds' employee Dave Cridler will be joining Wightman as a full-time survey crew chief.

"Land surveying has always been a key service of our firm," Wightman President Matt Davis said in a news release. "Not only are we thankful to be bringing Brian Reynold's expertise to the team, we are also looking forward to growing the footprint of our survey business in Barry County."

The company was founded in 1946 by G.L. Wightman, who was both a land surveyor and civil engineer.

"I am looking forward to joining the Wightman family," Reynolds said in a release. "This is a great opportunity to allow me to continue to serve my clients in Barry County, while taking a step back to a part-time role rather than a full-time owner role. I will continue to serve my elected role as Barry County surveyor going forward."

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Barred owls find a home in Stevensville

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

Karl and Kristan Kroening of Stevensville are hosting a family of barred owls that have successfully nested in a hollow tree in their backyard. On May 11, Kristan Kroening took a nice photo of a young barred owl that was patiently waiting for its next meal at the entrance to the nest cavity in a sugar maple tree. She said this baby owl was one of at least two that are present inside the tree.

Barred owls are found among the larger forest tracts of Southwest Michigan. Their population has increased over the last 30-40 years as second growth forests have regenerated over areas that had been croplands, pastures and orchards during the late 1800s and early 1900s. As late as the 1950s, barred owls were considered absent or rare across much of the southern Lower Peninsula of Michigan, which had suffered the most deforestation since settlement began. Barred owls rarely venture away from wooded areas.

The barred owl nests in natural cavities, such as where tree limbs have broken off, or in the tops of broken trees. There is actually not much of a nest inside the tree – just a scraping away of debris at the bottom of the cavity is all the barred owl does to prepare the nest site.

In southern Michigan, the female barred owl lays 2-3 eggs during late February through March. Most literature says that fledglings leave the nest at our latitude during June, but I have seen young outside the nest as early as mid-May at Warren Woods State Park. The young of the year will leave their parents in October or November to seek out new territories of their own. Barred owls are permanent residents and non-migratory.

While I have received many photos of Baltimore orioles this spring, I deem one taken by Scott Glenn of Lincoln Township the best. It was taken May 7 as a male Baltimore oriole helped himself to some grape jelly placed out especially for the returning orioles that are calorie-starved after their long migration back from their wintering grounds. Aside from jelly placed out by humans, orioles feed primarily on insects among the treetops. Male orioles typically arrive 4-5 days before their female counterparts.

Nesting in southern Michigan takes place from the middle of May through late June, and by July and August the birds leave their nesting areas and begin to gather strength for the return flight back south. The Baltimore oriole constructs a nest of fibrous material woven together that hangs from tree branches. These nests are commonly seen after the foliage has fallen off the trees in the fall.

Baltimore orioles spend the winter from central Mexico, south through Central America into northern South America.

Another long-distance migrant bird species which I receive many photos of in spring is the rose-breasted grosbeak. A male was photographed on May 11 at the backyard birdbath owned by Jeffrey and Beth Wolf of St. Joseph Township.

Breeding season is now underway for the rose-breasted grosbeak in Michigan, and it will continue into July. The species prefers woodlands and forest edges. It is a frequent host of brown-headed cowbirds.

Rick and Vicki Thomas of Stevensville located a male hooded warbler on May 7 on the Yellow Birch Trail at Warren Dunes State Park. The hooded warbler is only 5 ½ inches in length and nests among the understory of mature wooded swamps and dry forests. In Berrien County, additional reliable locations at which to find this species are Warren Woods and Grand Mere State Parks, and Love Creek Nature Center. I have found it in Cass County in the Crane Pond State Game Area and Dowagiac Woods. It winters in South America.

May is the time of year during which I receive a great volume of wildlife photos and reports, but space does not permit me to run each photo or mention every report. However I do I appreciate all the reports I receive and they add to the general knowledge of the abundance of different species in our area. Thus each report does have value whether it is mentioned in this column or not!

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

Photo provided / Kristan Kroening

A baby barred owl in its nest in a tree on the property of Kristan Kroening of Stevensville.

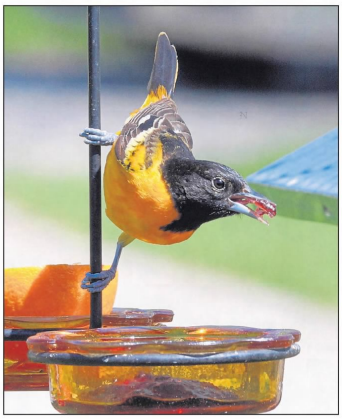

Photo provided / Scott Glenn

A male Baltimore oriole on May 7 at the jelly feeder of Scott Glenn in Lincoln Twp.

Photo provided / Beth Wolf

A male rose-breasted grosbeak on May 11 at the birdbath of Jeffrey and Beth Wolf in St. Joseph Twp.

Photo provided / Rick Thomas

A male hooded warbler on May 7 at Warren Dunes State Park.

Sarett Nature Center

Sarett stewardship days: 10 a.m. June 5, July 25, and August 21. Help maintain and protect the habitat at Sarett and other properties. Call 927-4832 to sign up.

Silver Foxes – Fiddleheads and Ferns: 11 a.m. May 26. A program for people 55 and older who like to be active and learn something new. This group will meet once a month. This month, discuss ferns and take a walk to look at different species. Free for members, non-members $5. Call 927-4832 to reserve your spot.

Butterfly house: Opens for season at 10 a.m. May 29. Appointments are strongly encouraged as walk-ins will only be taken if there are any availabilities. Cost for members is $5/adults or $2/children; non-members $7 for adults and $3 for children. Call 269-927-4832 to make an appointment.

Nature journaling 101: 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, June 2, 9, 23, and 30. Sarett teams up with Krasl Art Center to teach you how to draw and keep a nature journal. Class will be held outdoors and taught by artist David Baker and Sarett director Nate Fuller. Cost is $70 for members and $80 for non-members. Call 927-4832 to sign up.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Virtual Garden Party fundraiser: June 16-19. Event features beautiful and uniquely created planted containers in a silent auction. Watch a June 16 broadcast from the garden featuring The Hearty Boys, and learn to how to create a botanically-infused cocktail on June 19. For more information, go to fernwoodbotanical.org.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes.

June: Register from 6-7 p.m. June 22. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. June 24 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. June 26. For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

Submit information for Get Outdoors to sports@TheHP.com, fax to 429-4392 or call 429-1294 by Wednesday.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

St. Joseph: Boat anglers targeting salmon have done well in 40 to 60 feet while taking a mix of Chinook, coho and lake trout. Those heading further out past 100 feet have also done very well. Pier anglers continue to catch a couple coho and steelhead when casting spoons or using spawn.

South Haven: Had good salmon fishing in 55 to 150 feet. Those heading past 150 feet have also done well for Chinook, coho and steelhead. Lake trout could still be found in 60 feet or so. Pier anglers caught a few coho and steelhead using spawn. Perch fishing was slow.

Kalamazoo River: A few walleye were taken on a jig or crawler harness. Some reported near limit catches of bluegills in the bayous and shallow bays. Holland: Spring kings have showed up and were being caught between here and Petoskey when using flashers and flies. Grand Haven: Chinook and coho have been caught from the surface down to 150 feet in 180 to 280 feet. Orange and green spoons worked well up high while green and white flies worked better down deep. Pier action was slow except for a few coho taken on minnows. Grand River near Grand Rapids: Walleye fishing slowed. Panfish activity has picked up in the bayous.

Ionia County: Bluegill and crappie are being caught on the inland lakes. Smallmouth bass, catfish and suckers have been caught on the Flat River and Grand River.

Muskegon: Salmon action is starting to pick up. Boat anglers are catching salmon along with a couple steelhead in 170 to 240 feet. The salmon were caught between the surface and 120 feet down. Most were taken on orange spoons and green flies.

Muskegon River: Steelhead numbers are down but anglers are catching brown trout. Good walleye action on Hardy Pond. Pike and bass are being caught throughout.

Whitehall: Boat anglers were starting to catch a few spring Chinook salmon when trolling flashers and flies.

White Lake: Walleye were caught in the channel. Bass, perch and bullhead were caught at the mouth of the White River.

– Michigan DNR, May 20

Yosemite climbers face new obstacle: overnight permits

By BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Climbing El Capitan and the famous big walls of Yosemite National Park got a bit harder Friday.

The park added red tape to cut through before climbers can begin the physically grueling and mentally demanding feat of inching up vertical granite walls that take days to conquer and require spending the night suspended on tiny platforms hundreds or thousands of feet above Yosemite Valley.

Climbers will need to secure free permits before they can attempt multiday climbs on El Cap, Half Dome, the Leaning Tower and other big climbs beginning May 21.

The long-rumored plan will inevitably cause grumbling in the mecca of American rock climbing and among a culture that embraces freedom. But it could help limit the number of climbers on classic routes that have become more crowded as the sport has grown exponentially in popularity.

"I think we're going to have a lot of climbers whining and complaining because they were gifted this thing that they think is a right and it was really a privilege," said Hans Florine, who with 170 ascents has climbed the 3,000-foot face of El Capitan more than anyone. "We were given incredible rag-tag Wild West privileges for the last 40 years in Yosemite. All they're asking is to let us know you're there."

The two-year pilot program will put climbers on par with backpackers who have been required to get wilderness permits for decades to spend the night in protected backcountry areas of national parks and forests. Unlike hikers, though, the climbing permits will not at first be rationed on a quota basis that limits how many people can be on a designated route each day.

Jeff Webb, the wilderness manager for Yosemite, said the program will measure for the first time how many people are doing overnight or multiday climbs to see what areas are getting the most use and could eventually lead to limits on certain routes, such as The Nose on El Capitan.

The park will seek voluntary compliance but could fine climbers who break the rules, Webb said.

Yosemite is not the first park to require permits for multiday climbs. Zion National Park in Utah and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison and Rocky Mountain National Parks in Colorado also have permit systems.

Daniel Duane, a climber and author of "El Capitan: Historic Feats and Radical Routes," said there was a certain sadness to the development because it was a reminder of an era when Yosemite's signature climbs weren't crowded.

Some climbers used to camp for months in the park and climb every day. City dwellers could call a friend on Thursday to plan a last-minute trip, drive all night from San Francisco or Los Angeles and hit the rock on Friday morning.

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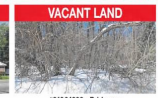

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5/23/21

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PHASE III - 2021 ROOF REPLACEMENT
Blossom Acres
1216 Blossom Lane
Benton Harbor, Michigan
Benton Township Housing Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Housing Commission will receive sealed bids at their office located at 1216 Blossom Lane, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 until 1:00 p.m., local time, on June 23, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read out loud for:

Roof replacement at residential units.

Bids are desired for single, lump sum bid as described in the Specifications and Drawings on file and available to contractors during regular working hours starting at 12:00 noon on May 28, 2021, at the offices of Alliance Architects, 929 Lincolnway East, Suite 200, South Bend, Indiana 46601, phone 574-288-2052 and at the office of the Benton Township Housing Commission at the address listed above. Electronic copies of the Plans and Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Architect at info@alliarch.com. Hard copies may be obtained by providing a refundable deposit of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for every set of documents. Deposit shall be made payable to the Benton Township Housing Commission and will be refunded if the Project Manual and Drawings are returned in good, reusable condition within twenty-one (21) days after the date of receiving bids. Failure to observe this condition shall result in the forfeiture of the full amount of bidder's deposit.

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The site is accessible to bidders for examination. All principal contractors and subcontractors are strongly encouraged to visit the site to review the scope of work. Bidders are encouraged to contact the Housing Commission prior to their visit and to check in to the office when they arrive. Site visits should only occur during work hours identified in Section 0101 SUMMARY OF WORK.

The Architect will be on-site to answer questions at 9:00 a.m., June 9, 2021, assembling outside 1216 Blossom Lane, Benton Harbor, Michigan. Interested parties are to call the office of the Architect to confirm (574-288-2052).

Plans and Specifications will also be on file and available for review at the following locations:

Benton Township Housing Commission
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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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7261 Engle Road, Suite 101
Cleveland, OH 44130

MACIAF
3215-A Sugar Maple Court
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Hamilton, NJ 08619

Bids must include a non-collusive affidavit and a bid guarantee made in favor of the Benton Township Housing Commission. Bid guarantees will be returned within 10 days of official bid opening, if requested, except for three (3) selected qualified bidders. The unsuccessful bidders will have their bid guarantee returned after award of contract, if requested. The successful bidder must be fully insured and provide an assurance as required by Instructions to Bidders. Additional bid requirements are outlined in Section 0010 SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

All contractors and subcontractors must be in compliance with: Equal Opportunity Employment, Executive Order 11246 and Davis-Bacon wage rates as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor and adopted by the Housing Commission and as set forth in the Project Manual. Submission of U.S. Department of Labor payroll forms is required on a weekly basis. Contractors and subcontractors will commit themselves to making a good faith effort to meet the 10% goal of employing minorities and 5% goal of employing women. This publicly-funded project is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. **Refer to Specification pages 0015-11 and 0030-7 for specific Section 3 and MBE/WBE Participation requirements.** The contractor shall appoint a company executive to assume the responsibility for the implementation at all requirements, terms and conditions. The Benton Township Housing Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the contract to the lowest, responsible and most responsive bidder and to waive any formalities or irregularities in the bids received. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 90 days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the Housing Commission.

Furthermore, the Owner **encourages** Minority Business Enterprises **and** Women-Owned Businesses to submit a proposal for this project. Contractors are encouraged to contact www.mmbdc.com to obtain MBE businesses.

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Finance Director/ City Treasurer

St. Joseph, Michigan, (population 8,365) is a vibrant, mature, but modern community with a "small town" feel, a quaint downtown and an outstanding school system. Nestled on the southeastern coast of Lake Michigan at the mouth of the St. Joseph River, the surrounding area a lush countryside. A hospitable coastal microclimate tends to moderate cold temperatures in the winter and hot temperatures in the summer, which produces some of the nation's finest orchards and vineyards and results in the most productive and varied non-citrus fruit growing region in the nation. St. Joseph is part of a group of communities that together have a population of more than 60,000, with a wide range of residential opportunities ranging from downtown lofts to historic Victorian homes, and 20th century neighborhoods to rural property.
The City of St. Joseph is seeking an experienced, enthusiastic, self-motivated leader who will serve as a strategic partner and organizational visionary to the City's leadership who are working to move the City forward. The St. Joseph City government prides itself in providing a very high level of customer service to its residents. The City operates under a City Commission/City Manager form of government. The City Finance Director is appointed by, and reports directly to, the City Commission, while working under the general guidance of the City Manager on a day-to-day basis. The City Commission is composed of the Mayor, Mayor pro tem and three City Commissioners, who enact ordinances, determine policies, and adopt the annual budget.
The Finance Department is responsible for administering more than 25 funds with annual revenues totaling $40 million. The City employs around 125 regular full-time employees. Under the direction of the City Manager, the Finance Department is responsible for all accounting, tax and water and sewer utility billing functions. The Finance Director manages the day-to-day operations of four full-time staff and oversees departmental tasks, including cash management, accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, capital asset control, budget performance, project/grant accounting, debt administration, utility billing, property tax adminis-

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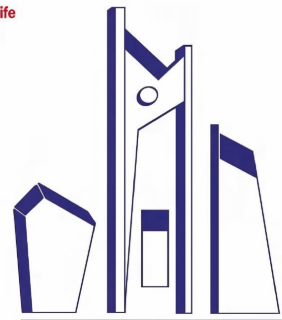

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